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NEW N.Y.K. PACIFIC LINERS.

Big Orders Expected for the Clyde.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 20. The Liverpool Journal of Commerce states that Clyde shipbuilders have been sounded with regard to a prospective big order for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, which, if it succeeds in securing the substantial subsidy for which it is negotiating with the Japanese Government, will be prepared to order from the Clyde a fleet of liners of 23,000 tons, with a speed of 18 knots, to compete with the fleet of the Canadian Pacific Company in the Pacific. It is assumed that if the Nippon Yusen Kaisha carry out this scheme the Canadian Pacific also will enter the market for new boats, with a view to retaining pre-eminence in the Pacific.

The Clyde firms will be prepared to build at a minimum profit, but the big rise in the price of ship-plates, sections, et cetera, will swell the contract prices.

It is reliably learned that two motorboats have been ordered by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha on the Clyde of ten thousand tons dead-weight, the engines to be fitted locally.

GERMAN PEACE FEELER.

Speculation Rife.

London, March 20. Speculation is busy regarding the chances of the latest peace feeler. The American Government declines to disclose the contents of the recent German note, notwithstanding Germany's hint that she does not object to its publication or communication to M. Poincaré. Official American circles point out that the German charge d'affaires at Paris can furnish M. Poincaré with information if he desires. The movements of Lord D'Abernon and Mr. Montagu Norman are also being closely watched. According to the French newspapers, Lord D'Abernon, who arrived in London to-day, bears an official message from Dr. Cuno, although official circles in London deny that any political significance attaches to the visit. As regards Mr. Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England, who at present is somewhere on the Continent, the authorities are unusually reticent. A Paris message announces that he arrived there yesterday and discussed terms of repayment of certain British credits, but after that his movements have been uncertain, and it is reported that he has left for Berlin.

IMPORTANT HARBOUR RULING.

Colombo, March 20. The District Judge has delivered judgment in a case in which the British Petroleum Company, of London, sued the Crown for sixty thousand pounds sterling, damages to the steamer British Ensign, owing to the alleged neglect and carelessness of the Crown. The Judge held that the steamer was berthed in a dangerous place owing to the insufficiency of water and the nature of the harbour bottom, and over-ruled an argument that the Ceylon Government could not be sued as representing the Crown, also an argument that Colombo harbour was open water into which ships enter at their own risk.

ANGORA'S NEW COMPANY CONTROL.

Constantinople, March 20. Relying to the High Commissioners' protest, Angora has insisted that foreign companies in compliance with the new registration law shall supply the Government with a copy of their articles of association and balance sheet, and in some cases deposit guarantee funds. A number of companies have been ordered to present their balance sheets since 1916 for fixation of war profits. A twenty per centum income tax at the very least will be retrospective from the Armistice. Failing compliance before March 18th, the companies are threatened with severe penalties, and even suppression.

IMPERIAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

London, March 20. In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Mr. Bonar Law said he hoped the list of subjects to be included in the agenda at the Imperial Economic Conference would be settled in consultation with the Governments of the Dominions and India in time to allow the interests concerned in various parts of the Empire to consider them before the Conference met. The contemplated Conference would include representatives of the Colonies and Protectorates, but the form of representation had not yet been settled.

BRIGHT SIDE OF THE IRISH PROBLEM.

London, March 20. At the opening of the Londonderry Assizes, Justice Wilson announced a marked diminution of crime in the county, which is now practically normal. There has been the greatest improvement in the relations between the six counties and adjoining counties along the border, especially Donegal, where the Free State has established its authority, and people are now able to cross and recross without their former fear and trepidation.

FLAG DISCRIMINATION CONDEMNED.

Rome, March 20. The Congress of International Chambers of Commerce has unanimously passed resolutions condemning flag discrimination, also declaring that no unnecessary restrictions should be placed on the transport of immigrants from Europe, and particularly no discrimination in this matter should be made between vessels sailing under the flag of any nation.

PROMPT PAYMENTS.

Washington, March 20. The Treasury is informed that Britain will not exercise the five years' option provided in the debt-funding settlement, but will pay the first half-yearly interest of sixty-nine million dollars on June 15, and the remaining twenty-three million dollars of the principal when due on December 15.

HONAN BRIGANDS.

Foreigners Robbed.

Peking, March 20.—Reports from Hankow indicate that brigandage in Honan, which was suppressed last year, is again becoming rampant.

Recently the American missionary, Mr. Funk, with his wife and two children, was attacked by two parties of bandits, who robbed them of \$150 worth of belongings. A couple of days afterwards, a Miss Ratslaff was held up on the same road and robbed.

Brigands recently attacked Juchow and looted and set fire to the suburbs, a number of citizens being killed and wounded.

BOXER FUNDS.

The Japanese Scheme.

Tokyo, March 20.—The Lower House passed the Bill providing for the application of the Boxer Indemnity to the development of improved relations with China, including an appropriation for the upkeep of Chinese students in Japan, exchange of lecturers and upkeep of schools at Tsingtao.

YUNNANESE SUCCESS.

Capture of Kweiyang.

Peking, March 20.—The capture of Kweiyang by the Yunnanese on March 12th, is confirmed. Yuan Tsu-ming has fled and his whereabouts are unknown.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. Indian R.C.

The following will represent the Indians on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. at the H.K.C.C. Ground in a League match:—A. el Arculli, (Capt.), A. H. Rumjahn, S. H. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, A. H. Madar, J. S. Curram, D. Rumjahn, H. D. Rumjahn, F. M. Arculli, N. B. Kitchell and O. Ismail.

I.R.C. v. H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.

In this match, to take place at Sookunpoo Valley on Saturday, the following will represent the Indians:—E. Moosdeen (Capt.), R. Nazario, I. Hassan, J. Ackbar, A. R. M. Samy, A. Kitchell, A. G. Abbas, O. Rumjahn, A. K. Minu, A. K. Rahumud, and Wahap. Reserve:—A. A. Razack.

GERMAN PARLIAMENTARIAN RELEASED.

Berlin, March 20. At the opening of the Reichstag, the President, Loeb, condemned the arrest of Quast, the Reichstag deputy, and said that following a vigorous protest Quast had been set at liberty by the French yesterday evening.

LENIN RECOVERING.

Riga, March 20. Lenin, a bulletin announces, shows a continuance of improvement in the movement of his arm and leg. The derangement of speech remains.

INDIAN TAXATION QUESTION.

Delhi, March 20. The Assembly by 59 to 44, has rejected the Government's proposals to increase the salt tax in order to meet the deficit in the Budget.

THE EXCHANGE MARKET.

London, March 20. French francs have appreciated to 71.90 and Belgian to \$3.15. Sterling is weaker at 4.69 1/2.

STRIKE IN BURMESE OILFIELD.

Rangoon, March 20. Four thousand workers in the Yenangyuang oilfield have struck work without warning.

(Other Telegrams on Page 2.)

POUTRY DEALER FINED.

Another S.P.C.A. Case.

Before Mr. R.E. Lindsell, at the Police Court this morning, a poultry dealer, Wong Tze-king, of the Kung On Poultry Depot, was fined \$50 for cruelty.

Inspector Boys, S.P.C.A., who brought forward the prosecution, said that he was on duty in Connaught Road near the Western Market on the 16th, instant, when he found two crates of fowls badly overcrowded on motor lorry No. 562 belonging to the depot. One crate, which should contain only 30, had 38, and another which should hold only 30, had 58. In consequence of this overcrowding, the birds were standing on each other.

Defendant had been fined \$25 for a similar offence only three weeks ago, it was stated.

CANTON'S NEW NOTES.

Government Ignores its Promise.

When the new Canton Government issued Treasury notes recently, it was definitely stated that these would only be used for the payment of taxes. However, the authorities are now paying the military with these notes, and soldiers are compelling shopkeepers to accept them at their face value. This has greatly annoyed the members of the Chambers of Commerce, who are appealing to the Government to take means to prevent the troops from acting as they are doing.

Despite these facts, the Treasurer has issued a notice to the effect that anyone refusing to accept the notes at face value will be severely punished.

SELLING PIRATED RICE.

"Rob the Rich to Relieve the Poor!"

A sequel to the piracy of the steamboat Wing Ping and a number of rice junks near Whampoa is reported by a Canton correspondent, who informs us that the 2,500 bags of rice which were taken away by the pirates are being put up for cheap sale at one dollar for twenty catties in the markets in the Fun Yu and Tsun Sing districts.

The sale has been continuing for the past three or four days, and large white flags are hoisted bearing characters stating "Rob the Rich to Relieve the Poor!"

The local authorities have not attempted to interfere with the sales.

FIGHTING AT KONGMOON.

Garrison Troops Surprised.

A Canton correspondent reports that fighting has broken out at Kongmoon between the forces of Chan Chak, the River Defence Commander, and of Chun Tak-chung, garrison commander. It appears that the former surprised the latter, defeating them and capturing over a thousand rifles. Chun's troops fled on being beaten.

As to the circumstances causing the conflict, it is stated in one source that Chun Tak-chung had been discovered to be in league with Chan King-ming's party and that Chan Chak was therefore instructed by Sun Yat-sen to surround his forces. Another story, however, is that Chun Tak-chung declined to share the gambling revenue with other forces and also refused to give up possession of the revenue-collecting bureaux in the district, with the result that Chan Chak used force against him.

Further Details.

Information regarding the fighting at Kongmoon reached a Telegraph reporter this afternoon in the form of a report handed in by one of Dr. Sun's officers who is in the Colony on his way to Sheklung to communicate to his commanding officer the conditions at Kongmoon. He says that for some time past it had been known to Chan Chak that a fusion of their respective forces was being planned by Li Yik-pui, Shum Hung-ying and Chun Tak-chung with a view to a co-operative "push" on Kongmoon and this deprive Sun Yat-sen of his military headquarters. The attack carried out by Chan Chak on the 19th, instant was in the nature of a surprise and was completely successful in frustrating the plan devised by the sympathisers of Chan King-ming. The new development, as revealed by this latest movement of the military chiefs, suggests a change in the direction of the wind, it being now said that Shum Hung-ying, until lately the most active member of the clique which drove out Chan King-ming from Canton, has now gone over to his side.

The attack on Chun Tak-chung's force of 1,200 men at Kongmoon commenced at nine o'clock in the morning and by nightfall the mah-kuan troops brought up by Sun's Admiral had made themselves masters of the town, driving out and disarming the garrison. Co-incidentally with this action, it was revealed that Hsu Sun-chi on his part had started out from Swatow with the intention of coming into conflict with the Kwangsi troops commanded by Sun's son on the North river, who were already starting out to join Chun Tak-chung at Kongmoon, but was prevented by the unexpected move launched by Chan Chak. As a result of the fighting, Chan Chak has captured 1,200 rifles, 18 machine guns and several hundred prisoners. The total casualties on both sides are estimated at between 70 and 80.

Leung Hung-kai and Chan Yuen-kee fled from Kongmoon directly the success of Chan Chak was established beyond doubt, and are now said to be fugitives in Hongkong.

Reinforcements for Chan Chak will arrive from Sheklung within a few days, according to information imparted by our informant whose principal mission will be to lead them back to Kongmoon.

IZAAK WALTON'S HOUSE.

Izaak Walton's historic fishing cottage at Shallowford is now certain of preservation, through the Board of Education, acting as Charity Commissioner, sanctioning its transfer to the local restoration committee. The cottage, which is in a dilapidated condition, has been purchased by the committee, who will become trustees and be responsible for its repair and maintenance.

LAST NIGHT'S BOXING.

Good Sport at King's Novices Tournament.

The King's Regt. novices' boxing tournament was continued at Murray Barracks last night, and provided further fine sport. Among those attending was H.E. the Governor.

To-night sees the semi-final and final, and the attraction of the evening will be a lightweight contest between S.P.O. Morgan, of H.M.S. Hawkins, and Pte. Flynn.

The boxing commenced last night with the lightweight (third series). Ptes. Dennis and Clements set to with a will, and after receiving a bit more of the punching that was going than his opponent, Clements improved in the third round, and knocked his man out.

Pte. Robinson defeated Pte. Profit on points, it being a close tussle, both men being well matched.

Ptes. Ayre and Maudsley fought a lively two rounds when Maudsley retired in favour of his opponent.

Lt. Martin obtained the verdict over Pte. Kendall in a bout that savoured chiefly of sparring.

Pte. McLoughlin was disqualified in a contest with Pte. Mopley for using the open glove though repeatedly warned.

The bantamweights (second series) provided some keen bouts. Pte. Hughes beat Pte. Hodgson on points in a hard tussle.

Pte. Jones administered the K.O. to Pte. Stack in a scrap lasting only a few seconds.

Pte. Brdaway secured an easy victory over Pte. Sumner, who fought gamely though outclassed.

Pte. Quinn received the verdict on points over Pte. Stewart by a narrow margin.

The middleweights (second series) included a good fight between Lt. Cpl. Spoor and Pte. Drennan. Drennan was declared the winner after an extra round had been ordered.

Pte. Carter beat Pte. Gardiner on points in a somewhat slow exhibition.

After a very close contest, Pte. O'Grady was declared the winner over Pte. Johnson.

In the welterweights (third series), a fierce set-to was witnessed between Ptes. Highton and Scott, the latter sending his opponent to the boards for the full count near the end of the opening round.

Corpl. Whitehead won fairly comfortably over Pte. Carlson in quite a good exhibition.

Corpl. Barraclough defeated Pte. Jessop in a clever contest.

The featherweights (third series) had two encounters. In the first, Pte. Bird sent Corpl. Armstrong to the boards for the full count in the second round; and in the next, Pte. Hayter defeated Pte. Edwards on points after a good show.

The lightweights (fourth series) saw a fine bout between Ptes. Taylor and Clements, the latter being knocked out in the second round of a brisk exchange with a blow to the point.

Pte. O'Connell obtained the verdict over Pte. Robinson on points, and Pte. Ayre defeated Lt. Cpl. Martin by a narrow margin after a good exhibition of the noble art.

It is notified that the Garrison boxing tournament will take place on March 29th and 31st. Two ten-round contests will be fought, between Sgt. Tribe, R.G.A. and A.B. Edwards, H.M.S. Despatch, and Pte. Flynn, King's Regt. and A.B. Shearman, H.M.S. Despatch.

THE JUNK DISASTER.

Only Nine Now Missing.

Eight of the men reported to be missing when the passenger junk from Waichai sank in the harbour after striking a rock, have been found by the police staying at a boarding house on the Praya.

It appears that they succeeded in swimming ashore, and then went directly to the boarding house. This now reduces the number of missing to nine.

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This week's Football Competition should be most popular. All you have to do is to forecast the goal scores in two matches. We offer \$50 for the competitor who succeeds.

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HOCKEY.

Good Win by Ambrose.

On the Grenadiers' ground at Kowloon yesterday, H.M.S. Ambrose met and defeated the Kowloon Naval Depot by three goals to nil. Up to this match, the Kowloon team had had an unbeaten record, but last night they met their better.

The play for at least three-quarters of the game was in the Kowloon half, and though the defenders played a very fine, fast game, they could not withstand the onslaughts of the Ambrose men. At half-time, the score was one to nil in favour of the winners, and two other goals were added in the closing half, the last being registered just on the call of time, after pressure maintained for nearly twenty minutes. The scores were Armstrong (2) and Hood. Altogether, the Ambrose combined very effectively, and if they manage to maintain such combination in future they should prove quite a formidable side.

The winning team was composed of J. May; Jones and Keyser; Phillips, Vasey, and Mount; Hood, Armstrong, Williams, Jennings and Carr. The umpires were Lieut. Harris, of H.M.S. Ambrose, and Mr. Denton, of the Royal Naval Depot.

News in To-day's.

New Advertisements.

To-morrow night a special dance will be held at the Kowloon Theatre when the music will be provided by the jazz band of the "President" Madison. Special features are promised.—Pages 7 and 12.

Russian lady speaking six languages seeks an engagement.—Page 4.

The finals of the "King's" boxing tournament will be fought to-night.—Page 4.

The film version of Victor Hugo's famous "Les Misérables" commences at the World Theatre to-night.—Pages 4 and 12.

For particulars of forthcoming auction sales refer to Page 4.

The second annual general meeting of the Hongkong and China branch of the British Legion will be held on the 27th inst.—Page 4.

LISTEN.

"The more you can do for the public, the more the public should be told about it."

Anderson's give a list of new records on Page 3.

The R.C. and W.E.H. Company are giving their last performance at the Theatre Royal to-night. The play will be "If Four Walls Told"—Page 4.

The Hongkong Hotel Company's Ladies' Hair Dressing Parlor is now open.—Page 8.

"My Wild Irish Rose" is being screened at the Coronet Theatre.—Page 12.

The current programme at the Star Theatre is given on Page 12.

To-day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 3 1/2 d.

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DR. SUN'S POLICY.

Speech at Public Dinner.

Canton, March 19.

At a public dinner given by Dr. Sun Yat-sen on Saturday at the Finance Bureau Building, there were over 200 guests, representing the gentry, the merchants, the educational, benevolent, journalistic and other communities. There were also present Civil Governor Tsu Shiu-ching, General Yang Hsi-min, General Lau Chun-wan, General Yang Yue-hin, General Chu Pol-tak, General Ching Chin, General Li Yik-piu and Shing Chai-on (representing General Chang Tso-lin, of Fengtien).

At the close of the dinner, Dr. Sun Yat-sen expressed pleasure at the representative attendance. That he was able to meet the citizens again was due to the friendly Yunnanese and Kwangsi troops, who had come in a righteous cause to suppress the troubles in Kwangtung. On behalf of the thirty million people of the province, he tendered to the commanders of these forces his thanks.

Dr. Sun continued, pointing out that twelve years had elapsed since the establishment of the Republic and for not a day had it not been in the process of construction. But taking the nation as a whole, the old influence was still strong, while the new influence was still weak. Although the most advanced province Kwangtung was in a very chaotic state.

From a military point of view, the method of reconstruction was first to train two or three divisions of picked troops, for the value of troops was in their quality, not their number, and then to begin disbandment and effectively reorganise the troops into labour corps—a scheme that had obtained the sympathy of both Chinese and foreigners.

Without adequate funds, this policy could not, however, be carried out. One method of raising the necessary funds was to float internal and foreign loans. There were at present difficulties in raising foreign loans, for the Peking Government was not in a position to repay the interest and principal of the loans it had already contracted, and had therefore lost its foreign credit. Mutual loans should therefore be first raised to carry out the programme of disbandment, and after success had been attained and foreign confidence regained, it would then not be difficult to get foreign loans to bring the whole programme to completion.

Besides, in raising loans to turn the troops into labour corps, the soldiers would perhaps in future get from their work 100 or 200 per cent. more money than their monthly military pay, and they would certainly be glad to accept the change. The profits to be derived from their work would also be quite sufficient to repay the loans and after ten more years Kwangtung would not be afraid of poverty. The advantages were, therefore, inestimable. Dr. Sun then asked the journalists to broadly advocate his suggestion.

Civil Administration. Coming to the subject of Civil Administration, Dr. Sun Yat-sen said that the officialdom of Kwangtung was in the most corrupt state and that without effecting great improvements it would never be worth looking at. He then compared it to the administrative work in Hongkong and Macao, where he said excellent work had been done. There were also some Chinese men employed by the Government there, and the good results attained were chiefly due to better pay for the officials, the security of their positions and the system of pensions. These good methods could be copied. The causes of corruption among Chinese officials were chiefly inadequate pay, daily changes in positions and non-existence of the pension system.

For these reasons, when one got a position, he strove to squeeze all he could, in the hope that in a very short space of time he could get enough money to make provision for the rest of his life. Therefore, the best method of improvement was to increase the officials' pay, adopt the pension system and to dismiss no official without just cause. In carrying out this policy, attention must be paid to the qualifications of officials and the system of examination must be adopted; and in another ten years Kwangtung would be converted into a "happy retreat." Those rich merchants and inhabitants who have hitherto looked upon Hongkong and Macao as their happy resorts would then return hurriedly, and it would not be difficult to convert Kwangtung into a busy and prosperous province.

Gambling.

With regard to the subject of gambling, Dr. Sun said that there was still some trouble in Kwangtung, viz. gambling. But since the Yunnan and Kwangsi troops had this time come in a righteous cause and the people of Kwangtung could not, as hosts, provide them with military provision and expenses, the licensing of gambling was only a temporary and inevitable measure to maintain them.

Foreign Affairs.

Discussing the subject of foreign affairs, Dr. Sun said: "Formerly the Government of Hongkong had some misunderstanding with my party, and as a result we were unable to carry out and develop our programme freely. But it has now changed its attitude, and as it knows that we are truly patriotic in our work, it has shown its willingness to extend a helping hand. It is, therefore, necessary that the question of linking the Canton-Kowloon and Canton-Hankow Railways be gone into. Formerly we were repeatedly in opposition in regard to this matter owing to certain misunderstandings and as such misunderstandings have been removed, we can naturally, under the circumstances, raise objections no longer. He submitted the whole question for public consideration, and if it was considered to be beneficial, instead of harmful, it should be accepted; otherwise it could be rejected. Some argued that if the Canton-Kowloon and Canton-Hankow railways were effectively linked, the whole trade of Canton would be captured by Hongkong, and this had formed a strong reason of the opposition. But the transportation of merchandise depended upon railways, and in future all the goods would gather in Canton before being sent to Hongkong. The benefits for Canton would also be greater. Besides, the opening up of Whampoa as a port had hitherto been opposed by Britain. She had now not only waived her opposition but she also agreed to render economic assistance. It seemed, therefore, that the proposal of linking the Canton-Kowloon and the Canton-Hankow railways should not be flatly rejected.

The Macao Question.

With regard to the Macao question, Dr. Sun said that it was more difficult to deal with than that of Hongkong, for before the settlement of the boundary line disputes would constantly arise. From their own point of view, they considered that all the territory inside Kwan Chap belonged to them and the boundary limit should be in the original leased territory. The Portuguese, however, desired to claim half of Heungshan district. As the parties were extremist it would not be easy to negotiate for a direct settlement of the question, and in order to avoid constant disputes, it seemed necessary that the question be submitted to the League of Nations for a fair decision.

Communications.

After dealing with other subjects of internal and foreign affairs, Dr. Sun came to the question of communications, industry, and education. He advocated the construction of the Kwangtung-Yunnan Railway and the Kwangtung-Szechuen Railway, and the opening of coal mines, for Kwangtung was very rich in coal deposits. It was not economy to depend upon foreign supplies without developing their own resources. Hongkong had agreed to offer its financial assistance in this respect. Formerly Mu Yung-hsien had arranged to construct loans with a certain Hongkong syndicate for the development of the coal mines in the province, but it was afterwards cancelled through their opposition because of its controlling nature. Further, formerly in contracting loans with Britain she required the sanction of the Peking Government, and they were, therefore, unable to approach her. Now Hongkong had agreed to advance loans without the sanction of the Peking Government and had also cancelled its controlling attitude.

An American Banking Syndicate had also, continued Dr. Sun, wired to him, agreeing to advance loans and asking their opinion in the matter, and as soon as they obtained definite information from their home office, negotiations would be commenced.

Formerly America was also a borrowing country, but now she had surplus money to invest. Should Kwangtung borrow money to promote various lines of industry, she would in ten years repay her loans and in addition would have surplus funds to lend. The railway and the mining loans would be accomplished within the year. Should the programmes of internal and foreign affairs be carried out one after another, Kwangtung would become a model province. The whole nation would then join it and reunification would be effected without resorting to military force.

ARMS TRAFFIC.

Japanese on Trial.

Two Japanese men and three Japanese women were charged on remand at the Magistrate's yesterday with unlawful possession of seven maver pistols and 100 rounds of ammunition.

On the application of Inspector Ais, the Magistrate (Mr. J. R. Wood) discharged one of the male defendants. This man was arrested at 11, Mallory Street.

Mr. Leo d'Almeida informed the Bench that since last adjournment he had received no further instructions from the other male defendant and he was now representing only the three women.

Sub-Inspector Cockle stated that at 11.45 on the night of the 14th, he visited the second floor of 61, Praya East, with two Chinese detectives and Mr. Takada, a tailor who occupied the ground and first floors of the house. Mr. Takada knocked at the door of the second floor and it was opened by the fifth defendant, a woman. After a short talk with the tailor she became excited. She went to the wash house and putting her hand on a switch on the partition turned off the lights of the wash house. Witness entered and on opening the wash house door found the other two women, one of whom, speaking in English, said "I will give it to you." Three maver pistols with cases then dropped from under her clothing. The two women put their hands inside their kimonos and produced quantities of ammunition, which they dropped into a basket in a corner of the wash house. In the basket there were four other maver pistols with cases and some ammunition. Later, pointing at the arms, the defendant, who spoke English, said "This is not mine. Come to my house." Witness took two of the women to No.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

STATE OF CHINA.

London, March 20.

A dismal spectacle of the state of China is given by *The Times* Peking correspondent. He states that the country is more disorganised than ever and is incapable of standing alone and declares that, if relief is to come in time, a small committee of experts should be appointed immediately to collect and sift evidence for the Washington International Commission which will investigate the surtax. *The Times* in a leader endorses this view and declares that otherwise the Commission will be overwhelmed with a deluge of figures and complicated issues which will take years to deal with effectively. On the contrary *The Times* refuses to regard the situation as desperate. It says the character and immemorial history of the Chinese guarantee that sooner or later the country will emerge from its troubles. For the present it needs all the support of its friends. As a whole the debt of China is small compared with her resources, size and population. It would be profitable business for her foreign creditors to set her on her legs again provided she has the moral and physical force to establish an effective government.

THE OIL SCRAMBLE.

London, March 20.

The *Manchester Guardian* correspondent at New York telegraphs that it has just become known that Secretary Fall before his retirement on 4th March refused to approve of oil leases to the Roxana Petroleum Corporation, a subsidiary of the British-Dutch group, on the ground that the British Empire and Netherlands discriminate against American oil interests and thereby the Government was formally committed to a policy of reprisals against the citizens of the discriminating countries. This is in accord with the finding of the Senate Committee investigating the question which reported that discrimination was exercised by a number of countries, including the French Colonies.

RUHR OCCUPATION.

Essen, March 20.

Arising from the shooting of a French soldier mentioned on 15th inst. the French authorities have arrested as hostages the Chief of Police of Essen, the President of the Tribunal, the Director of the Reichsbank Branch and other banking directors who are being held until the German police hand over the wanted criminal. If the latter is not discovered the military reserve the right of firing the town. A number of taxi drivers who were in the station when the soldier was shot have been arrested.

The *Daily Express* correspondent at Cologne says that Smee's, editor of the *Rheinische Republik*, who was recently wounded by an assassin, has died.

Later.

Smee's is not dead; on the contrary it is believed he has a chance of recovery. A bullet has been extracted from his brain. Several arrests have been made in connection with the attempted murder but complicity has not been proved and the actual assassin has not been discovered.

RUBBER COMPANY FUSION.

Amsterdam, March 20.

A large fusion is projected by the offer of the Amsterdam Rubber Company to purchase the Nederlandsch Rubber Company on the basis of one share of the former ex dividend for 1922 against two shares of the latter, and one Amsterdam share ex dividend for 1922 plus fourteen per cent. cash and twenty per cent. in Amsterdam six per cent. debentures against one preferred share in the Nederlandsch Company. The Amsterdam Company's dividend for 1922 will be eight per cent. after allowing seven hundred thousand guilders for depreciation and maintenance and twelve hundred thousand for carry over.

BRAZILIAN RUBBER.

Rio de Janeiro, March 20.

The estimated production of Brazilian rubber for 1923 is 30,000 tons. British and American interests are trying to acquire the major portion. The latter are negotiating with a view to acquiring very important rubber plantations in the Amazon area.

SEINE NET FISHING.

London, March 20.

The *Times* Ottawa correspondent understands that the Canadian Government proposes to prevent the employment of Japanese crews on fishing boats operating with Seine licenses on the Pacific Coast. All fishing crews will have to be licensed which licenses will not be granted to Japanese.

2 Police Station, leaving the woman who had opened the door to the house. In the charge room the woman who had disclaimed the arms in the house again spoke to witness in English saying "Come to my house. A man in my house sent me to fetch the arms." In consequence of her statement the police took her to 8 Gage Street. Just as they entered the house the male defendant came down the stairs with his hat on and carrying a stick. The woman pointed him out as the man she had mentioned. Later in the night, a Chinese detective was sent to 61, Praya East, to arrest the other woman.

Examined by Mr. d'Almeida, Sub-Inspector Cockle said it was

alleged by one of the female defendants that the divorced accused brought the arms to 61 Praya East. Since the arrest of the defendants he had made enquiries in connection with the case at a boarding house at 39, Praya East.

Mr. d'Almeida asked the witness if he had not been told by the people in the boarding house of certain negotiations that had taken place between the male defendant and the man who had been discharged in regard to an arms deal.

The Magistrate considered the evidence inadmissible.

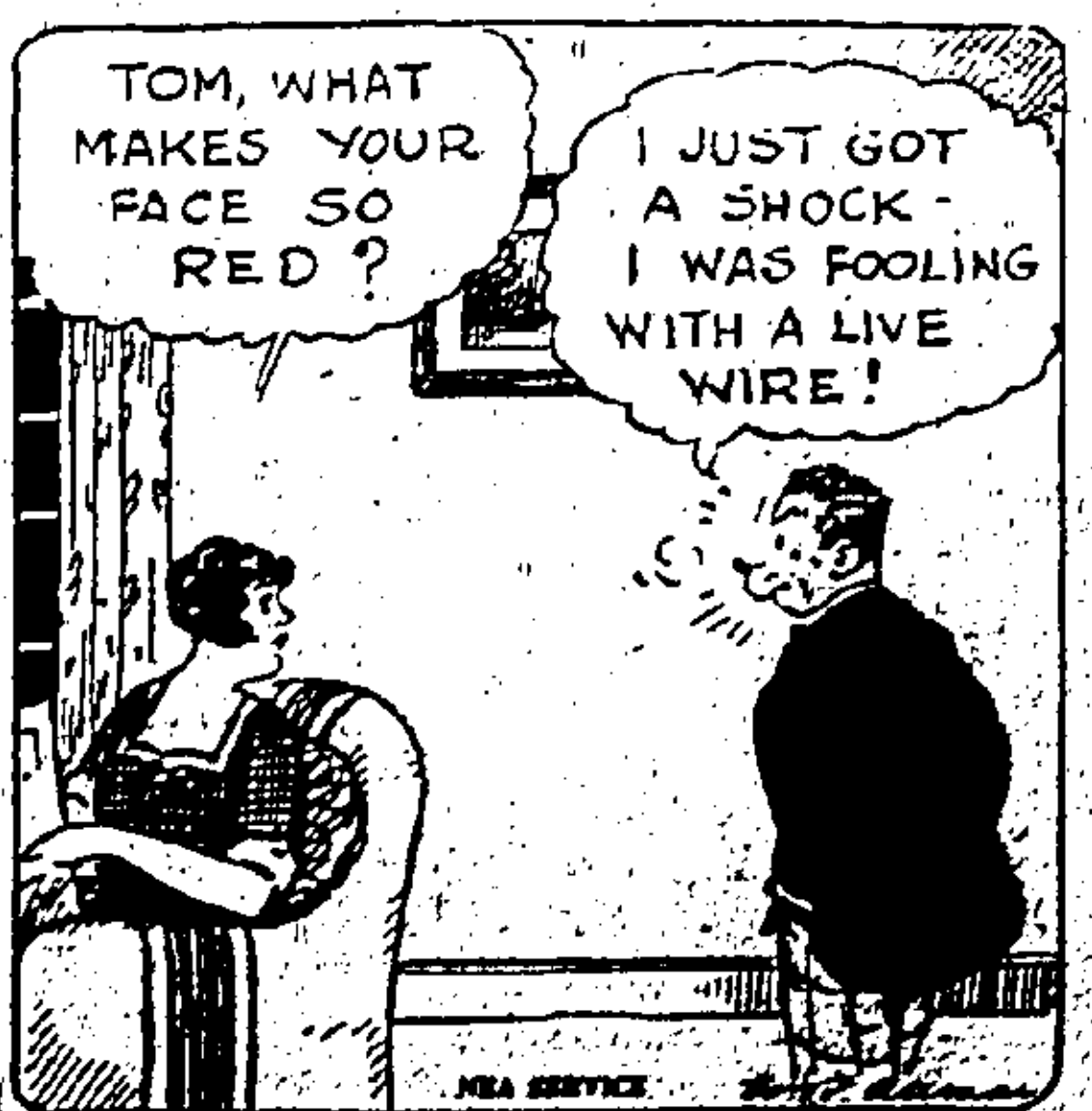
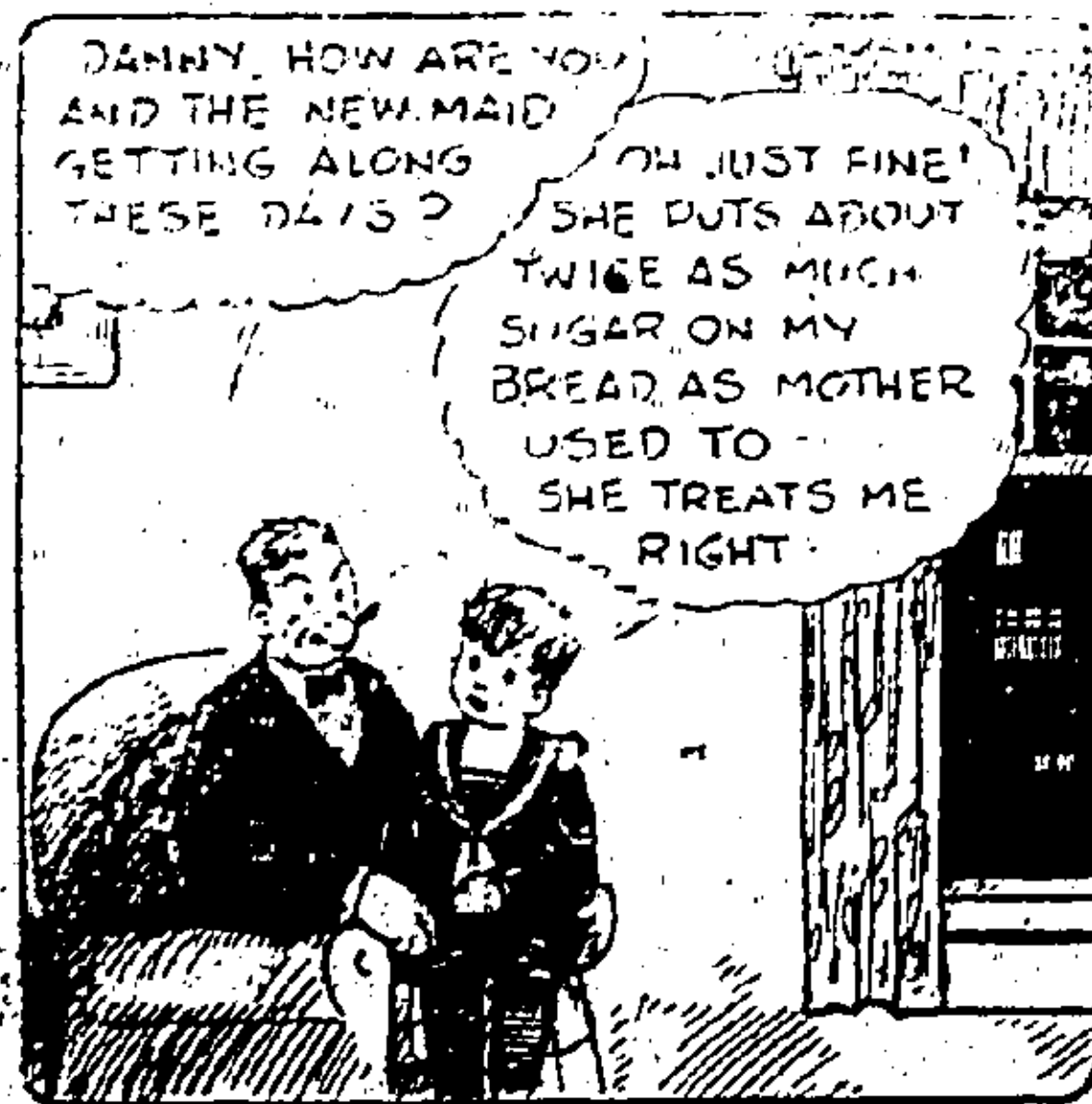
Mr. d'Almeida proposed to call evidence in regard to the negotiations at a later stage.

After further evidence the case was adjourned.

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To Be Received in Australia.

Events working toward the establishment of a permanent home for the Russian refugees, now at Mariveles, were developing yesterday, reports the Manila Daily Bulletin of March 13th.

Governor Wood is in communication with Canadian and Australian governments through the State Department regarding migration of the Russians to these countries for future homes.

The governor has also approved the proposed removal of the fleet to Olongapo to the nearly abandoned naval station there. Local navy officials have agreed to the proposition of turning over the station to the refugees under naval authority. The proposition has been put up to Washington.

In the meantime, men of the fleet are seeking work in Manila.

TEN MEN GIVEN WORK.

More than 10 men have been placed in jobs by the American Red Cross. The Philippine Shoe Manufacturing Company has taken on two shoe repairers. The Bachrach Motor Company has hired two mechanics. One man was at Bilbid yesterday learning how to make furniture. Equipment will be sent to Mariveles and he will instruct other woodworkers in the art of manufacturing furniture. A cook and an electrician were also placed yesterday.

A musician, a cook and several electricians are to be placed in jobs Wednesday by the Red Cross.

The Red Cross yesterday asked that Manila's knowledge of jobs to advise the organization and refugees will be furnished for the places.

Five Russians are to be sent out of the Philippines by the Red Cross. They will return to Vladivostok and two, a man and wife, will go to Dairen where the man has a brother. Transportation may be arranged to Seattle where another brother is located.

FISHING NOT FEASIBLE.

With the equipment the Russians have at present, there seems to be no chance for them to engage in fishing along the coast of Zamboanga or anywhere in the Philippines, according to Dr. Albert Herre, chief of the division of fisheries of the bureau of science.

Dr. Herre, by request of the secretary of agriculture and natural resources, went to Mariveles to investigate conditions. He found that all the Russians have for fishing purposes is a type of net known as trawling net, which would prove practically useless for fishing in Philippine waters.

This kind of net is exclusively used for fishing in deep water measuring from 30 to 40 fathoms. He said the trawling net cannot be adapted here as the sea bottoms in the Philippines are generally covered with coral reefs.

PANACEA IN WHITES
OF EGGS.Scientists Testing Substance as
Tuberculosis Cure.

Doctors in London are attempting to gather further information in continental kitchens, particularly Italian, as to the extent to which the whites of eggs may be used to kill the germs which beset mankind. They are beginning to believe it will not be long until the white of egg may be injected into the blood to cure the germs of colds and influenza and many other like troubles. When an Italian or French cook cuts a finger he first applies any handy drinkable spirit, after which he plasters the injured member with the white of egg.

A virtually unknown bacteriologist recently gave in a routine hospital lecture the results of his experiments with the whites of eggs, and since then the British medical journals have been discussing its virtues and drawbacks with a great preponderance in favour of the former.

An authority on tuberculosis who has become a believer in the white of an egg as a disinfectant says he believes it will treat prominently in the future, treatment of that disease.

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CHINA AND BRITISH
COLUMBIA.

Question of Industrial Students.

A committee of the Board of Trade, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. N. Harvey, is actively engaged in studying the system of Chinese industrial scholarships which has been inaugurated in the United States for the purpose of increasing American trade in the Far East. Incidentally it was brought out that the total paid in head taxes by Chinese immigrants to the end of 1920 was over \$21,000,000.

At a recent meeting Mr. E. J. Leveson, who recently returned from China, laid before the committee, certain aspects of the question which influenced Mr. Harvey to appoint a special committee under the chairmanship of Professor Borge to go further into the matter with a view to recommending a definite course of action along similar lines by the University and governments concerned.

FIGURES FROM SEATTLE.

Mr. Leveson, quoting figures of the China Club of Seattle, said that in the United States there were now 1,677 Chinese students in colleges and universities as well as 2,300 students in primary and high schools. At the University of Washington there were twenty-nine Chinese industrial students. In all Canadian universities there were only twenty Chinese students, in addition to 1,500 at primary and high schools.

The system in the United States is for the universities to arrange courses for the Chinese students, so that half their time is spent at college and half in vocational training in manufacturing plants. The firms co-operating in this movement pay \$600 a year towards the upkeep of the Chinese students and, in return, it is agreed by the student to render his firm such practical and industrial service as it may require, and by mutual agreement they may continue in the service of the firm for two years after graduation.

HUGE SUM IN HEAD TAX.

On their return to China these students act as commercial travellers for the American concerns and very valuable results already have been achieved.

In connection with the movement the Chinese Bureau of Immigration here has submitted to the committee some remarkable figures showing the amount paid in head tax since its inception in 1886. The total amount was given as \$21,972,150 on 30,205 Chinese. The figures are as follows:

From 1886 to 1900, when the tax was \$50 a head, Chinese paid \$1,431,850.

From 1901 to 1903, when the tax was \$100, the amount paid was \$1,128,000.

From 1903 to 1920, when the tax was \$500, the amount paid was \$19,411,500—Ex.

A PIECE OF EIGHT.

But Not for Spending.

The peculiar property of an eldest son has just been deposited in a London bank. Though a small boy at school, he has reached the age at which, by family tradition, he comes into this heritage. It is a large Portuguese gold piece, dated 1732, present value uncertain, but estimated at not less than £10.

So carefully has it been kept that it might have been minted this year; and is wrapped in several small sheets of paper, on each of which its passage from hand to hand is recorded. The sheet nearest the coin bears an inscription to the effect that So-and-so gave the enclosed to his eldest son "on the day he went into breeches." It is dated 1783, and successive paper jackets relate to 1824, 1855, and other periods to the present day.

Only in one case, when the eldest son had no son, has it gone to a second son. The 1783 wrapper has very noticeably stood the wear-and-tear of time best; the writing on it is the clearest, the ink the blackest.

The present owner of the coin, being at that time of life when one learns to appreciate "Treasure Island," likes to think he has inherited one of those romantic "pieces of eight," and perhaps, in his heart of hearts, hopes his eighteenth-century ancestor (who, unfortunately, was a pious country squire) did not come by it honestly.—Ex.

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ORIENTAL COTTONS.

Further Share Issue.

Shanghai, March 20.—The Oriental Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company's annual meeting yesterday passed a resolution to offer 200,000 unissued ordinary shares in order to enable the Company to weather the trade crisis. Hong-kong shareholders strongly opposed the resolution.—Reuter.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Yesterday's Results.

Good progress was made in the tennis tournament on the Hong-kong Cricket Club ground yesterday afternoon. The most interesting match was that between E. Busschaert and M. K. Lo, the Belgian winning in three straight sets. The following are the results:

Open Championship: E. Busschaert beat M. K. Lo, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4; Yew Man-sun beat N. Trambitsky, 6-3, 7-5, 5-7, 5-7, 7-5; F. Wheeler beat L. Jack, 6-0, 6-4, 7-5; S. D. Ismail beat H. Krebs, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1; R. E. Worthington beat S. H. Ismail, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.

Open Championship Doubles: S. E. Green and D. S. Green were allowed a walk over by Horace Lo and C. Choa; O. and H. D. Rumjahn were allowed a walk over by Yew Man-sun and Ho Wai-hing; A. Eveleigh and A. S. Lindell beat G. A. Sayer and F. A. Redmond, 6-2, 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.

Club Championship: G. W. Sewell beat G. Miskin, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; R. E. Worthington, walk over; E. R. S. Dods, walk over.
Handicap Singles "A": J. R. Lloyd (+3/6) beat W. L. Thomas (+5/6), 6-4, 6-2; C. C. Stark (+15/3) beat T. H. King (+15/3), 6-4, 6-3; L. Forster (-3/6) beat A. B. Raworth (scr.), 6-4, 6-3; G. Miskin (+4/6) beat R. K. Valentine (+4/6) 6-2, 6-3.

Handicap Doubles: A. Mackenzie and R. H. Valentine (+3/6) beat J. Hancock and A. H. Penn (+5/6) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; E. R. S. Dods and A. B. Raworth (-15/1) beat H. K. Prosser and A. B. Kaspiesen (scr.), 6-3, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles: R. Worthington and Miss G. Grace (-3/6) beat G. Dowburn and Miss Jenkins (+15/1) 6-0, 7-5; C. Willson and Mrs. E. Mitchell walk over.

BIG JEWEL ROBBERY.

American Countess A Victim.

Nice.—The risks of robbery run by women, especially Americans, who in increasing numbers visit the pleasure resorts of Europe without male protection, are illustrated by the misadventure of Countess Zborowsky, who was robbed of all her jewelry after a night of gaiety spent in the jazz palaces of Nice.

The Countess, who is stated to be an American, is the young wife of Count Louis Zborowsky, son of the famous racing automobilist who was killed in a hill-climbing contest at La Turbie, Monte Carlo, twenty years ago.

The Countess arrived from England during the week end to join an English spinster friend, Miss Hanson, at Beaulieu. The same night the two women on pleasure drive into Nice in a Miss Hanson's automobile and after passing the evening at the theatre, supped joyously at a well-known dance establishment. In the small hours of the morning they drove out to Hotel de la Reserve Beaulieu, one of the most famous and exclusive of the Riviera restaurants and which has a few private suites reserved for especially favoured guests. There the Countess went to bed at 3 o'clock, placing her jewels on the mantelpiece, but leaving the key in the lock outside the door and forgetting to draw the bolts.

When the chauffeur, an Englishman named Claridge, called for orders in the morning he trod on a bracelet lying on the floor of the bedroom and the countess discovered that her treasures had disappeared during the night. These included a double row of pearls, which were insured by Lloyds for \$100,000.

The theory that the theft was the work of an international hotel thief who followed the Countess from England is discredited by the story of local detectives, who attribute the job to one of the fashionably dressed crooks who haunt the luxurious dance halls and prey on women foolish enough to venture into such places alone.

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GRAFTED PIG'S EYE.

New York.—Dr. Edward B. Morgan, an eye specialist of Paterson, N. J., plans to restore sight to Alfred Lemanciewicz, eighteen years old, of Lyndhurst, N. J., by transplanting the eye of a pig into his head. He said he expected to perform the operation next May and is confident the boy will be able to see. The accident through which the boy lost his sight did not injure the optic nerves, but did destroy the eyeball.

The boy is bringing a suit for \$100,000 against the Township of Lyndhurst. He alleges he was blinded by the explosion of a giant cracker left in a Lyndhurst lot following a municipal Fourth of July celebration.

EAGLE ATTACKS CHILD.

Palmyra, N. J.—Eugene Sanderson, a farmer living near here, heard the frightened cries of his four-year-old daughter early at night and when he reached the girl near his barn, he said, he found an eagle attacking the child.

The bird took to flight in the direction of a nearby woodland as Sanderson approached. The farmer carried the little girl to the house and returned to the woods with a shotgun. He was unable to locate the bird. The child was frightened, but not injured by the attack.

OPERA BOWS TO JAZZ.

Opera patrons in London are realizing that irony and paradox marked London's last "Melba night" at Covent Garden—for a time at least. Irony because when the curtain went down on the last act of "La Boheme," with all the wealth of emotional appeal the great singer put into her part, it went down to stay until it comes up a fortnight hence on the opening performance of "You'd Be Surprised." That American jazz-ganza should supersede opera in the historic home of English opera is almost too much for London.

The paradoxical touch was lent the performance by the fact that while Mme. Melba sought by contributing her services to the last night of the operatic season and by a curtain speech "to keep opera alive in its English home," what she really achieved was increased popularity for wireless broadcasting. From Scandinavian and other continental points and from throughout the British Isles to-day came reports of the perfect reproduction of Mme. Melba's voice. Such utilization of the wireless is an innovation in England and the British public, whose conservatism has interfered with their realization of the possibilities of wireless communication. Mme. Melba sang the opera in Italian, while the company sang in English.

MEDIUMS NOT RECOGNIZED.
A bequest of £3,000 to form a college for the training of mediums in spiritualism was recently held to be invalid by Mr. Justice Russell in the Chancery Division.

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The Mission Mass will be at 7.30 a.m. with a short instruction, Sermon and Benediction at 6 p.m.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE Thirty-seventh Yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Club, will be held in the Club House on Monday, the 26th. March, 1923, at 5.30 p.m.

By order,
A. H. ARBAS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th. March, 1923

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the business of the Astor Hotel hitherto carried on by Mrs. Flint and Mr. F. A. Chopard, has this day been acquired by Mr. Ng Siu Cheong. All outstanding accounts to date will be settled by the undersigned.

(Sd.) MME. FLINT.

(Sd.) F. A. CHOPARD.

Hongkong, 11th. March, 1923.

NOTICE.

HAVING taken over the business of the Astor House Hotel from Mrs. Flint and Mr. F. A. Chopard, I hereby give notice that the said business will be continued as heretofore and Mr. M. A. Vaz is appointed Manager.

(Sd.) NG SIU CHEONG,

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THE HONGKONG & WHAM-POA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on Monday, 26th. March, 1923, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st. Dec. 1922.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th. to the 26th. March, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th. March 1923.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO.,

THE Forty-fifth Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder St., on TUESDAY the 27th. March at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report & Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st. December 1922.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 13th. to the 27th. March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Agents.
Hongkong, 8th. March, 1923.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

THE Fifty-fourth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 27th. March 1923, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st. December 1922.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 13th. to the 27th. March 1923, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 8th. March 1923.

FORTHCOMING AUCTION SALES

HUGHES & HOUGH

GENERAL AUCTIONEERS
AND
BROKERS.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction. (For Account of the Concerned).

on FRIDAY,

the 23rd. March, 1923, at noon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

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Built of wood, now lying at Yumail.

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Consumption 11 tons, Net Registered Tonnage 670.15 tons.

Gross Tonnage 1,400 tons.

Deadweight Capacity 937.27 tons.

Steamer at buyer's risk after fall of hammer.

Further particulars may be obtained from the undersigned.

Hongkong, 12th. March, 1923.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

G. R.

NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 26th. day of March, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at junction of Canton Road and Pak Hoi Street, Yumail in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot, Locality, Boundary Measurements, Contents in Acres, Gz. and Sq. Yds., Annual Rent, and Estimated Value.

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HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

Supper Dance will be held on the 23rd. March 1923, at the Hongkong Hotel at 8.30 p.m. All intending subscribers who have not yet sent in their names please forward same to the undersigned.

W. BROWN.

Hon. Sec. Dance Committee.
c/o Taitoo Dockyard.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE First Gymkhana is fixed for Saturday, April 7th, 1923. Draft programmes and Entry forms may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables. Entries close Saturday, 24th. March, 1923.

AMERICA'S FLOWER AND FRUIT GARDENS.

A Mission to be Sent to China.

Washington, March 9.—Means of rejuvenating the flower and fruit gardens of America, and discovery of drought and blight resisting species of corn and chestnuts will be sought by an expedition which the National Geographic Society announced to-day it was preparing to send into China. Mr. Joseph F. Rock, discoverer of the chaulmoogra tree, the oil from which is used to treat leprosy, will head the party.

In a waxy tissue of corn reported in sections of China the scientists hope to find the drought resisting quality they need to increase acreage of this product here while they also expect to determine whether peculiar types of chestnut trees reported in that country are adaptable to areas in the United States now visited by blights.

The Society says that China provides "one of the choicest garden spots of the world, and it is confidently expected that new varieties of flowers and fruit will be imported which will be assimilated readily among our plant and orchard population."

\$50 GIVEN AWAY

"TELEGRAPH" FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

We will give a prize of \$50 to the reader who sends in the correct goal scores of the two First Division Hongkong Football League Matches to be played on SATURDAY next, March 24th, as detailed in the coupon to be found below.

Rules of Competition.

1.—All forecasts must be written on coupons cut from "The Hongkong Telegraph." The name and address in the coupon must be plainly printed in block letters in ink.

2.—Any number of attempts may be sent in, but a separate coupon must be used for each attempt.

3.—The Prize of \$50 will be awarded to the competitor who gives the correct goal scores of the match below. In the event of more than one competitor sending in correctly forecasted goal scores of these matches, then the Prize will be divided equally between those competitors. No one competitor shall be entitled to more than one share of the prize.

4.—All coupons must be received at the "Telegraph" office not later than 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, March 24th. Coupons received after that time will be disqualified.

5.—No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupon. The Editor's decision must be final. No correspondence or interviews will be entered into concerning this competition.

6.—Any match given below which, through any cause whatever, is not played, to a finish will not be counted.

7.—No members of the "Telegraph" staff will be permitted to take part in the competition.

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"Telegraph" Weekly Football

Coupon No. 19.

Matches to be played on Saturday, March 24th.

LEAGUE: DIVISION I.

Goals

Club v. S. China

King's v. R.G.A.

Competitors please note that the form of the competition is altered this week. You must state the number of goals for and against in each match.

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WORLD THEATRE



CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Evasion of Rent Law.

Sir.—Mr. M. K. Lo struck the right note when he mentioned, at the public meeting on housing, the manner in which landlords evade the rent law; and the funniest thing is that the Government grants them permission to do so. The saying that one often hears, that one can drive a coach and pair through any of the Hongkong Ordinances, seems to be true in this case at least.

There is a very easy remedy at the hands of the Government if they wish to make use of it, and it is one that I cannot see is detrimental to landlords. It is to continue to permit the rebuilding of houses, but with the understanding that the new floors would be let at the same rental as the old ones, before they were demolished and rebuilt. It does not appear to strike the Government that not only does a landlord double the rent after rebuilding, but he also puts in three or four floors on the same, or less, ground that two floors were occupying before. Not only is he gaining double rent for the replaced floors, but he is reaping the benefit of a larger rent for the additional floors at the same Crown rent, and all this must come out of the working man's pocket.

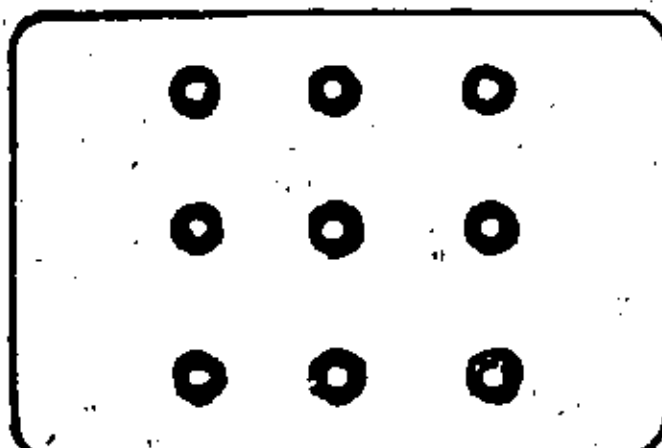
Many cases are occurring in the Colony where people, to get a house, are glad to pay a higher rental for an old house than to pay the exorbitant rents charged by landlords for rebuilt houses, which, in many cases, are inferior to those demolished. It is a profiteering stunt and a method for circumventing the Ordinance, but the Government has it fully in its power to regulate matters by the means suggested.

As regards new houses, the rents for these could be regulated on the basis of the rentals obtaining for old houses in the neighbourhood. The chance of a man with say \$5,000 or \$6,000 getting a house is infinitesimal, as there are so many rich Chinese attending the auctions that the poor man is simply outbid by these men, who come to the Colony for the express purpose of making money on property, and they form syndicates for the purpose of buying ground and, in many cases, they dispose of it shortly after at a tremendous gain. They are exploiting the Colony to the detriment of the working man and middle classes, both European and Chinese. If the Government were to sell the ground to applicants at the upset valuation and fix a fair return on the value of the house after completion, a law governing rack-renting might be passed, but this is impossible as long as the enormous sums are being paid for ground by profiteering syndicates and companies such as are being paid lately. After all, the upset price is the Government's own valuation of the ground and they lose nothing if they get that. The whole question is a very knotty one and requires very careful handling before we commit those coming after us to the carrying out of any decision arrived at.

Thanking you for giving me so much of your valuable space.

Yours, etc.,
GRANDPA.
Hongkong, 21st. March.

A PUZZLE A DAY.



A fixture fitter had nine light sockets which he wished to put in one room. He was anxious to make a neat, symmetrical arrangement and he hit on a plan of placing the sockets so that they formed ten rows with three sockets in each row. What was the arrangement?

Yesterday's answer:
The telegram sent by the traveller read:

"I am going to plant onions, etc."

His friend took the words "plant onions etc." and, by transposing the letters, formed the word "Constantinople," the traveller's destination.

LOCAL WEDDINGS.

Logan—Jack.

This morning, an interesting wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral, the contracting parties being Mr. R. S. Logan, executive engineer of the Public Works Department, and Miss Jessie Jack, daughter of the late Mr. W. C. Jack and of Mrs. Jack, Kowloon.

The ceremony was witnessed by many friends, and later a reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel. The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay.

A fuller report will appear to-morrow.

Choo—Lo.

A wedding of great interest in Chinese circles was solemnised at three o'clock this afternoon, when two well-known families were united. The bridegroom was Mr. Charles Choo, prominent in the sphere of tennis and cricket, and a popular member of the staff of the Asia Banking Corporation. He is the son of the late Mr. Choo Leep-chu, J.P., and of Mrs. Choo Leep-chu. The bride was Miss Eileen Lo, daughter of Mr. Lo Cheung-shui, J.P., and Mrs. Lo Cheung-shui. The bridesmaids were the Misses Gertie and Enid Lo, sisters of the bride, and the Misses Louise and Pauline Choo, nieces of the bridegroom. The bride was given away by Mr. Lo Cheung-shui and Mr. H. C. Hunt acted as best man. A reception was held at Burnside, Robinson Road, after which the happy pair drove off to Repulse, where the honeymoon is being spent.

CORONET COMPETITION.

The Prize-Winners.

The recent competition organised by the enterprising Hongkong Amusements Company, Ltd., proved that a very large proportion of the local public are enthusiastic cinema "fans," as our American friends would put it.

Patrons were given a printed list of pictures which have been shown at the Coronet Theatre, from which they had to select, what, in their individual opinions, were the twenty most popular productions. The number of competitors exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the promoters, with the result that no small task befel the adjudicators who had to arrange the entries according to the number of votes per picture. This morning representatives of the press were invited to check the final grouping after being initiated into the system which had been employed in deciding the contest. As a result, the following were found to have qualified for prizes:—

1st.—Mr. Fred Lee (\$100).
2nd.—Mr. Nai Hiram Swakoses (\$50).
3rd.—Mr. J. Kotewall (\$25).
Miss Dorothy P. Lee and Mr. Edward Lee tied for fourth place, and were awarded \$12.50 each.

NEWSPAPER ACTION.

Judgment Against Singapore Journal.

The hearing of an action brought by Mr. T. Powell Robinson against the Straits Albion Press, the proprietors of the *Malaya Tribune*, was concluded before the Chief Justice, Sir Walter Shaw, in the Supreme Court, Singapore, on March 10th. The plaintiff claimed some \$400 balance of commission on advertisements secured as advertising manager of the *Tribune* under an account rendered; a sum of \$385 paid to a Mr. Nichol, whom plaintiff engaged to assist him; a sum of \$400 in payment for editorial work rendered in connection with the production of *Exhibition News*, a supplement to the *Tribune* during the Malaya-Borneo Exhibition. The defendants counter-claimed for damages for breach of agreement, referring to an agreement by the plaintiff with the Malaya-Borneo Advertising Co., of which he was general manager.

In the course of his judgment his Lordship said that he considered that the sum plaintiff was entitled to receive in respect of his editorial services might be set off against the sum defendants were entitled to in consequence of breach of agreement. The net result would be that defendant would recover the balance of his commission, with the smaller items claimed, a total of \$424.65, and there would be judgment for the plaintiff on claim and counter-claim, with costs.

THEATRE ROYAL.

"The Bird of Paradise."

Last night at the Theatre Royal the Courtneidge-Holloway Company staged "The Bird of Paradise."

This talented Company having entertained us to such excellent productions during their visit here, "The Bird of Paradise" was a disappointment. Except for occasional snatches of wit and humour, the piece itself almost bordered on the ridiculous, and at times struck the writer as childish. Most of the members of the cast did not seem quite at home in their various roles, though it must be admitted they had no easy characters to portray.

The story is written round a young doctor who goes to Hawaii and turns native. Miss Cherry Hardy, who interpreted the character of Luana, the native girl, whom the doctor-beachcomber marries, had an arduous part to carry through. At times her acting was very clever, but we have seen her do much better in previous productions. Mr. Reginald Powell's portrayal of "Ten thousand-dollar Dean," a beachcomber who makes good, was very fine, and the first act would have been exceedingly dull without him. The other principal roles were taken by leading members of the cast, none of whom seemed quite up to their usual form, while those who took the lesser roles struck one as amateurish.

The cleverest part of the production was the staging, and considering the limited space at the Company's disposal, some of the scenic effects were well carried out, the last two being exceptionally clever.

To-night the Company presents "If Four Walls Told," which is their farewell performance.

"LES MISERABLES."

A Touch of Realism.

As a result of the world war, thousands of folk have seen Paris—the Paris of Victor Hugo, for no great changes have taken place in the sections immortalized by descriptions from his master pen. One of the unique features of Paris is that so much of the old atmosphere is preserved, despite the rolling in of the waves of modern enterprise. These people will recognise the city in the screen dramatization of "Les Miserables," in which William Fox presents William Farnum at the World Theatre beginning from to-day.

Nothing has left undone to make the reproduction historically correct and true to Hugo's descriptions. William Fox built a cross-section of the streets of Paris in Fort Lee, N.J., for the purposes of this drama. In building the cross-section, drawings, photographs, and the author's verbal pictures were used to assure realism.

Realism, in fact, was insisted upon by Mr. Fox throughout the production. As an instance of the minuteness of detail adhered to, the actual money of France during 1810 and 1830 was used. This is remarkable in view of the kaleidoscopic changes the currency has undergone as a consequence of France's political upheavals.

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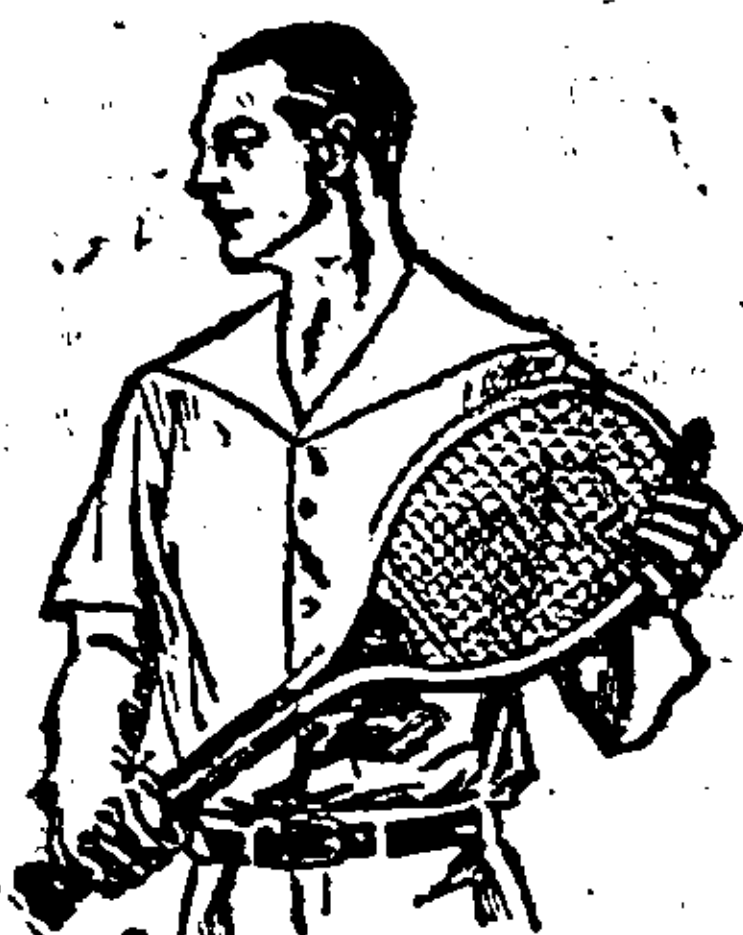
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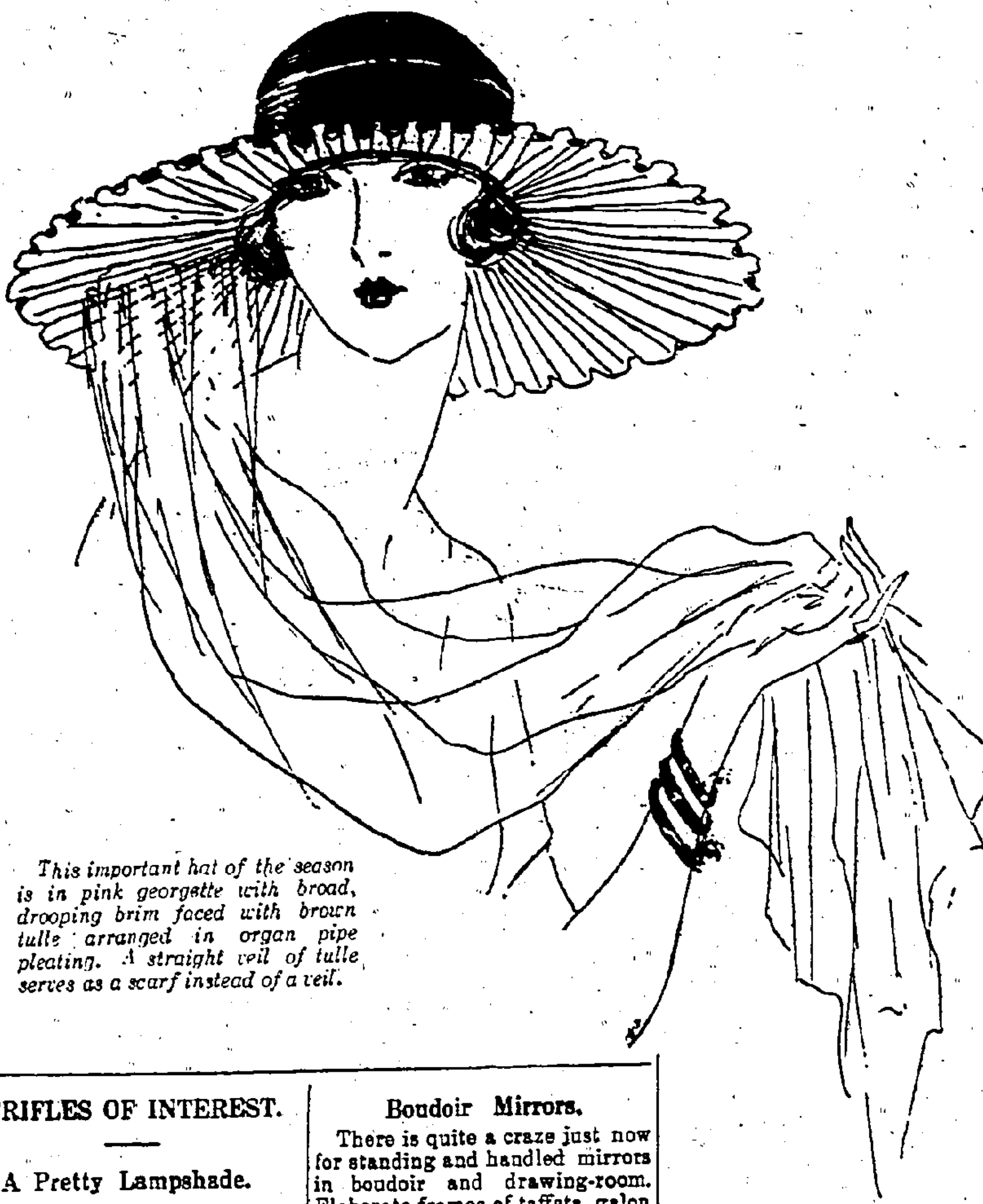
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TRIFLES OF INTEREST.

A Pretty Lampshade.

The craze for doll telephone covers, nightdress cases, and tea-cosies may be extended very successfully to lampshades. A very pretty shade for a small boudoir reading lamp can be made with the China or porcelain head and body of a dainty eighteenth-century lady, the wired and billowing skirt of pale silk forming the actual shade. Wee rosebud trimming may effectively conceal the wires where they are visible through the opaque silk. Too large a head should not be used, neatness and daintiness being the most important objects.

In The Heart Of A Rose.

No dainty and elegant woman's dressing table is complete without a pretty bottle of perfume and one of the newest notions of which the smart Parisienne approves appears at first sight a box-like square case, having a lid which lifts off the top. When, however, this lid is removed, the sides of the case fall apart, and inside there opens out a beautiful full-blown rose, in the midst of which a bottle of exquisite perfume is cunningly concealed.

Boudoir Mirrors.

There is quite a craze just now for standing and handled mirrors in boudoir and drawing-room. Elaborate frames of taffeta, galon and stuffed fruit alternate with carved ivory, tortoiseshell and silver, which, containing bevelled mirrors, stand about on occasional tables and bureaus like photographs.

On a side table is usually to be found a hand-mirror, with a very handsomely carved and gilded back and handle. If it is a real antique French or Italian hand-mirror, so much the better, though beautiful modern reproductions of these are often seen. Something much more ornate and decorative than a dressing-table hand-glass is, of course, only permissible, or there is a suggestion that the article in question has somehow strayed from the dressing-room.

OF INTEREST.

Everything points to the unrestrained use of colour during the spring and summer season. At all daytime as well as evening affairs, brilliant reds, greens, blues and figured materials are seen. White is the fad of the hour.

TWO NEW FROCKS.



One of the frocks sketched shows the latest kind of basque blouse with an odd front fastening. The other is slit from hem nearly to collar to show an underdress of another colour.

PARIS FASHION NOTES.

Invitations to a first-night performance in any of the big Paris theatres are always eagerly sought after, for a new play in Paris always means new creations, many of the big designers choosing this method for launching new styles.

Judging by the display at the more recent of new plays, full skirts, flounces and panniered dresses are undoubtedly coming back into fashion again.

A summer frock was of white organdie, made with an extremely full skirt, finished with small frills from the hem to just above the knees, and a frilled bodice and sleeves to match this frock was embroidered at intervals with clusters of flowers worked in bright shades.

An evening frock in pastel pink taffetas possessed a full billowing skirt, which was trimmed with garlands of tiny roses; the bodice was plain and tight-fitting, showing a decolletage falling just below the shoulder tips, and tiny puff sleeves. Anything more completely 1830 it would be difficult to imagine.

The crepe effect in materials, is still favoured, likewise all the "wrinkled" materials, ranging from "satin frolyse" down to the new version of our old friend "crepon." In cotton materials, especially, these crepe effects are in great demand for the fashioning of little house dresses or inexpensive morning frocks.

Walking coats are straight as a rule, with a slight fullness at the back, and perhaps on the hips if the wearer is inclined to be stout. The most becoming of all models show a top part that is inclined to blouse over a little at the back, a plain front, and a skirt part quite straight and inclined to hold the hips well in.

Another variation shows godets that fit into one another up and down all over the coat like a jigsaw puzzle.

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE.

Sandwich Mixtures.

They are delicious for bridge parties, dance refreshments, or children's parties.

Mix four tablespoonfuls of grated cheese with two tablespoonfuls of cream, add two ounces of peeled chopped walnuts, a dust of cayenne and salt if necessary; spread between slices of brown bread and butter, and garnish with parsley.

Pound three ounces of cooked cold salmon (tinned salmon may be used), add two tablespoonfuls of mayonnaise, a tablespoonful of unsweetened condensed milk, a teaspoonful of anchovy essence, salt, pepper and a finely minced gherkin.

Make a paste by pounding the yolks of three hard-boiled eggs with half an ounce of butter, a teaspoonful of lemon juice and six or seven picked and chopped shrimps, season well, and rub through a sieve. Spread this mixture between slices of brown or white bread and butter.

Jewelled shoulder straps for evening frocks are a recent novelty in Paris. They take the place of the fabric straps and are usually a combination of diamonds and sapphires, or diamonds and emeralds. Pearls are effectively used this way.

THE PLATE CLOCK.

There is a quaint and novel new clock, suitable for the morning room or nursery, which, at the first glance, looks like a China plate such as one would hang on the wall for decorative purposes. The face, complete with numbers and hands, is in the centre, and little scenes of blue windmills and towers are pictured on the rim. Of clock-works or pendulum there is no sign.

The unusual and unexpected are always fascinating, and this Dutch-like white and blue clock—which is called, indeed, a plate-clock—intended for hanging high on the wall, suggests old-fashioned chintzes, painted furniture, and an atmosphere fresh and springlike.

WE ARE WEARING

Dresses of two materials as widely apart as foulard and serge.

Monogrammed scarves, which are expensive but very beautiful when carried out in crepe de Chine.

Gloves with gauntlets adorned with beautiful silk and tinsel embroidery.

Cuffs and collars of muslin in varied and quaint shapes.

Quaint velvet and ribbon neck novelties and ties are taking the place of furs on warm, sunny days.

Corsets once again, and these must be very supple and well moulded if they are to fit without showing beneath the swathed dresses.

CURTAINS THREADED WITH RIBBON.

The smart window curtains of the moment are of coarse, square-meshed net, usually cream, though there is a certain craze for yellow. A deep border of joined fillet-lace squares, with quaint designs of beasts, birds and figures, is sometimes seen, though usually the curtains are finished with a simple edging.

A novel and pretty alternative is to make a hem about an inch and a half wide, all round, and run through it gold ribbon or braid, which shows in subdued glints through the mesh. Coloured ribbon, to tone with the predominating tint of the room, can, of course, be used with equal effect.

When the curtains go to be washed the ribbon must be withdrawn.



This gown is of black velvet with full skirt section at one side covered with small flounces, above which a large ribbon rosette is placed.

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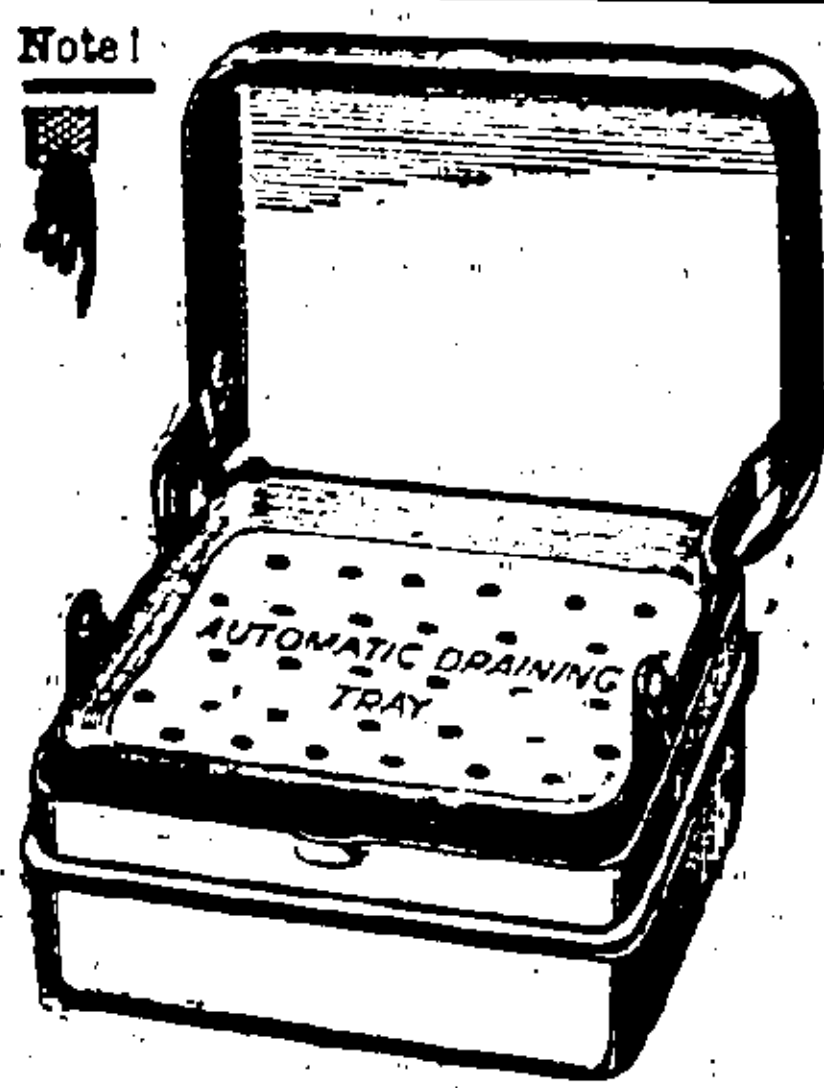
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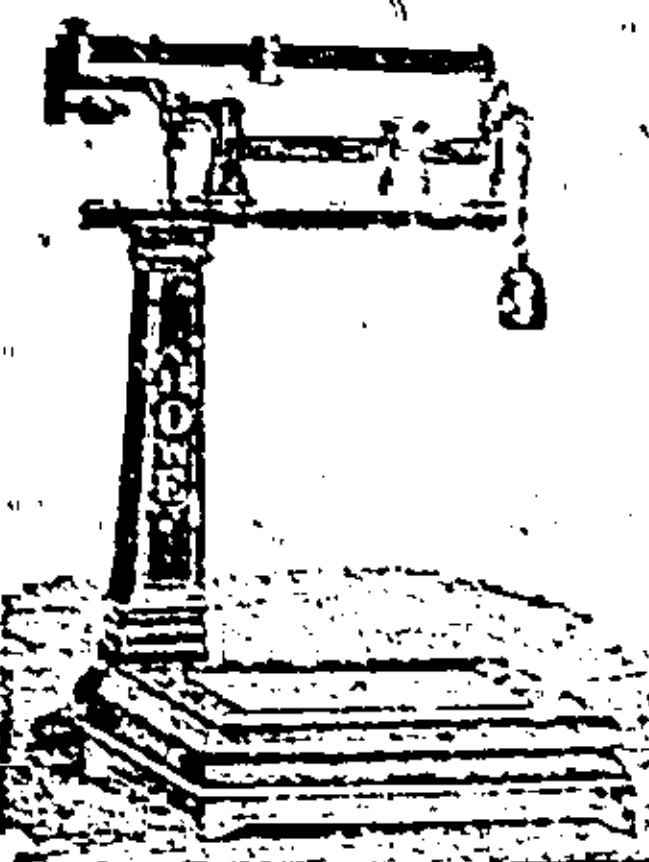
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The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 21st March, 1923.

WANCHAI GAP TRAM.

The statement by Mr. Fletcher regarding the Wanchai Gap Tramway which we were able to publish yesterday will no doubt have been read with much interest by those advocating the extension of communication facilities in the Colony. The Government has already gone into this matter in some detail, having even worked out a rough estimate of the cost, which is believed to be somewhere in the region of two lakhs of dollars. In the Estimates for 1920, a sum of \$150,000 was inserted for this project, but the scheme was eventually omitted from the appropriations, with it, appears, the approval of the Unofficial members of the Legislative Council. Mr. Pollock was not present at the meeting of the Public Works Committee which came to this decision, and there can therefore be no question of inconsistency on his part when he now associates himself with a demand for a revival of the undertaking. The Unofficials as a body, however, seem to have veered round somewhat in their attitude on the subject. During the 1920 Budget debate, H.E. the Governor said it might be possible to consider the project in the following year and take it up in 1922. However, nothing definite has yet been done in the matter, the last official pronouncement in Council being during the Budget speech of last year, when it was stated that, if found desirable to proceed with the tramway before the end of the present year, members would be asked to vote the necessary funds. Mr. Fletcher now says that the Government must be convinced of a specific demand for building sites in the Mount Cameron district before deciding to proceed with the work.

We should have thought that the demand for building sites would, in a large measure, depend on the provision of cheap and rapid means of communication. In other words, if the

tramway were laid down, there would be an extra inducement for people to build in the locality. When the scheme was first mooted, one of the chief arguments in its favour was the inadequacy of the present Peak tramway system. That unsatisfactory condition still prevails. Another distinct factor is that since the present Peak tramway was laid down, the residential area in the hill district has enormously expanded in an easterly direction. That fact alone warrants the provision of better means of communication for those who reside on the outskirts. True the Magazine Gap road has since been opened up, but that thoroughfare is largely useless excepting to those fortunate enough to own motor-cars. In our opinion, the time has come for the laying down of another hillside tramway, and Wanchai Gap is certainly the spot at which to locate it. We hope, therefore, that the Government will hesitate no longer, but will soon proceed with the actual work, especially since the scheme has now been endorsed at a public meeting.

Interchange of Teachers.

The proposal for an interchange of teachers between schools at Home and the Colonies came up for discussion quite a while back, and was very favourably received. This year, arrangements are being made for about eighty teachers in Britain to change places for twelve months with a similar number from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. Of these, fifty will go to London, ten to Newcastle, Manchester, Leicester, Portsmouth and other towns participating in the scheme, which has been inaugurated by the League of Empire and approved by the Board of Education. The London County Council is inviting applications from London teachers who desire a year's experience in one of the Dominions. The scheme is worked without cost to the public, the teachers on interchange receiving the salary payable in the country in which they are temporarily domiciled, the salaries varying in different parts of the country according to the scale which is payable in the particular area. The scheme proving so favourable, it appears to us that it could well be extended, so as to include other parts of the Empire in its scope. The main object of this interchange of teachers is to give those whose profession it is to mould the minds of the rising generation a wider outlook, an Imperial one, and to put them in touch with facts which they have to impart to their pupils. The teachers will themselves admit that this scheme is actually a form of education to themselves. We do not think it would be impracticable to consider a similar interchange with the tropical Colonies, including Hongkong. The scheme could then be considerably widened, so as to comprise what might be termed a triangular interchange of teachers from every part of the British Empire, with greatly enhanced benefits to the teachers and pupils alike. This Imperial Education Conference, which is to meet in London towards the end of June next, would do well to consider a project of this nature.

Local St. David's Society.

It was only the other day that we commented on the absence of any organised association of local Welshmen, owing to the small number of representatives of the Principality in Hongkong. Shanghai's Welsh folk have set us the lead in this respect, but we have now our St. David's Society well launched, and no doubt it will form a rallying point for Hongkongites hailing from the fair land of Wales. The local society is fortunate in being able to have such a distinguished chief in the person of His Honour Sir William Rees Davies, The Principality, despite its comparatively small population, is famed for the musical talent it breeds, and perhaps St. David's Day next year might be celebrated with an all-Welsh concert, providing Hongkong with a really enjoyable entertainment, and bringing back pleasant memories to the minds of those who, like ourselves, have crossed the border and sojourned amidst the hills and valleys of the Welsh country.

DAY BY DAY.

FRIGHTEN THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY UNTIL THEY FRIGHTEN THE GOVERNMENT; THAT IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET ANYTHING DONE.—Admiral Mark Kerr.

Three cases of small-pox and two of cerebro-spinal fever were notified yesterday. All were Chinese.

The Bogey Pool Competition played at Fanning on 17th, 18th, and 19th, inst., was won by Mr. H. U. Ireland, 4 down.

A Canton correspondent informs us that the Consular Body recently entertained the Civil Governor and the Foreign Inter-course Commissioner to dinner at the British Consulate.

Suffering from the effects of opium-poisoning, self-administered with the view to committing suicide, a Chinese married woman, aged 25, was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital from her home in Yau-mat yesterday in a serious condition.

At the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon Mr. Justice Gompertz passed sentence of seven years' hard labour and five years' on two men indicted for assault with intent to rob, one being further charged with unlawful arms possession.

The Earl and Countess of Lanesborough left Hongkong by the Korea Maru yesterday. The Earl was formerly Assistant Military Secretary to the Duke of Connaught, served in the South African War with the Coldstream Guards and in 1909 was Military Secretary to Earl Grey.

Mrs. S. B. B. McElderry will read a paper on "The International Red Cross" at the Meeting of the Reading Circle to be held at 10.30 a.m. to-morrow morning, Thursday, March 22nd, at the Helena May Institute. All members of the Institute and their friends are invited.—Advt.

Amongst the passengers who left for Home to-day by the S.S. Kashmir were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McKinn, Mrs. Grayburn, Mrs. Parker Rees, Col. and Mrs. W. W. Crosby, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Grimes, Inspector and Mrs. Old, Mrs. H. J. Knight and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kynoch.

The marriage of Miss Edna Lee Booker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun Booker of Los Angeles, California, to Mr. John Stauffer, Potter of Andersen, Meyer & Co., was solemnized by the Rev. A. N. Rowland at the Union Church, Shanghai, on March 15. The church was profusely decorated with beautiful spring flowers, palms and bamboo and the wedding procession made a very pretty picture as it passed by the aisle.

A wedding of special interest to Shanghai people was solemnized on March 18th at Holy Trinity Cathedral when Miss Mariel Henderson Headley of Ramsgate, Kent, was married to Mr. J. A. Ridgway, son of Mr. A. E. Ridgway of Surbiton, Surrey, by the very Rev. Dean Symons. Mr. Ridgway is in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and a member of the Shanghai Light Horse. Miss Headley is the niece of Lady Fraser.

For being on board the S.S. Banks without permission, an unemployed coolie was sentenced to two months' imprisonment by Comdr. Beckwith, at the Marine Court this morning. The arrest was made by a Chinese detective, who noticed two men on the gangway of the ship keeping a look-out for the police. When the detective approached them they shouted to defendant, who was on deck aft, to run away. Defendant ran below, but the detective gave chase and caught him. The other two men made good their escape. A search revealed cloth binders, usually used for concealing stolen property, bound round defendant's waist.

SIX YEARS TOO LATE.

Two men were arrested in Lambeth-road, London, recently, on a charge of manufacturing counterfeit coins. It is alleged that there were found in their possession 144 counterfeit sovereigns bearing the head of King Edward, and dated 1916, six years after the death of Edward VII.

ROUND THE TOWN.

(By "Gadabout.")

A Telegraph leader-writer was slinging off the other day about the City Hall and the Theatre. His grouse was the usual one: that both are too jolly small and hopelessly out of date. It's an old topic. Columns and columns have been written and more columns and columns probably will be written on the same subject, but it's a matter that ought to be harped on till something really is done about it. The need for a big public hall was illustrated again only a few days ago. The King's Regiment were trying to hold a boxing tournament. There being no suitable place for them, they had to rig up an arena out of doors, with the result that every time it rained they had to pack up. It's a pretty rotten state of affairs in a Colony the size and importance of Hongkong, when you come to think of it. What we need is a large hall, in a central position, suitable for balls, cabarets, concerts, lectures, pictures, exhibitions, roller skating, perhaps, and any other old thing which might turn up. If the Government aren't going to do anything it would probably be worth while to float a company and do it by private enterprise.

Then there's our Theatre—another much discussed edifice. Judging by the number of empty seats at most of the shows it seems that, with regard to size, at any rate, we've nothing to grumble about. But I don't know. If the place were twice as big and the prices were lower I've an idea that there mightn't be even as many empty places as there are now. The present building is a ramshackle old place and uncomfortable enough to keep everybody away. And the high prices probably have quite a lot to do with it, too. That theatre was all right in its way and the general idea may have been workable in the old days, but with the larger population we've got now the whole scheme of things is all wrong. Under the present arrangements most of us if we don't put on our glad rags and sport four bucks for a seat we're on the road to social perdition. The young fellow straight out from Home on his two fifty or three hundred a month is expected to keep up the same style as far as going to the theatre is concerned as a captain in the navy, a barrister, or a croesus from Ice House Street. He sits among a crowd of people miles above him—at any rate, financially—and if he doesn't he's a social outcast. And four dubs for a seat's a bit more than the average young fellow can really afford, with the result that most of the time he stays away. And yet he's really the theatre-going type. He's no wife and family and home life, and most of his time he's at a loss for something to do. If he could go to a comfortable theatre, and see a decent show, and wear a lounge suit, and pay, say, a couple of dollars, and it wasn't considered *infra dig* he would probably be a regular patron.

What we really want is a theatre built on up-to-date lines, with some degree of comfort. The highbrows could have their dress circle and orchestra stalls at four bucks a time, the same as now. The rear portion of the stalls should be at, say, three and two bucks a time, and there might be some cheaper seats, too, at the back of the dress circle. These should be for fellows of moderate means and stiff shirt fronts shouldn't be the rule. Then there could be a pit and gods at a buck a time. And there should be a regular orchestra to play the overtures and during the intervals. There should be cloakrooms and a place set aside for smoking (or perhaps smoking and non-smoking seats) and, last but not least, we want a bar. That's the kind of show we want. In a few years' time Hongkong'll probably be civilized. Do let's awaken from our slumbers and prepare for it. The theatre, too, might be worth a real live company's interest. Can't some of you geni, who've succeeded in pulling Hongkong out of the rut in some directions come to the rescue again? A theatre on modern lines ought to be a winner here. If the public had a decent theatre, I've an idea they'd go to it.

And another bugbear of our theatre is that section of the public who possess the cranky and inconsiderate notion that it's the thing to take their seats after the show's commenced. It's bad enough with a conjuring performance or anything in that line, but when

CAPT. FRENCH
RETIREES.Twenty-Seven Years With
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Hongkong to-day loses a familiar figure by the departure for Australia, on retirement, of Captain E.M. French, Assistant Marine Superintendent of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire. Captain French has been associated with the firm for no less than 27 years and is well-known throughout the Far East. He has been Assistant Marine Superintendent or the past eight years and has on several occasions acted as Superintendent. Prior to this, he served in many of the China Navigation Company's boats, and he has been most popular wherever he has gone.

Yesterday, Mr. G. T. Edkins, on behalf of the staff, presented Capt. French with a beautiful silver rose bowl in recognition of his services in the China Navigation Company. The speaker referred to Capt. French's long and excellent record of service and wished him every happiness in his retirement. Last night at the Hongkong Hotel, Capt. French was made the recipient of another presentation from the superintendents of the Company.

YEE WOO STREET
ROBBERY.Prisoner Gets Twenty
Years.

"I don't know what to do with you," said the Chief Justice yesterday afternoon to a prisoner who was convicted on three charges of taking part in an armed robbery, and of shooting at Mr. W. R. Andrews, of the Public Works Department and Mr. E. C. Kerrison.

The evidence showed that the prisoner and several others entered a shop at 25 Yee Woo Street on the afternoon of January 3. They ransacked the premises and stole \$1,405 worth of property. The prisoner carried a revolver. He ran through several streets, firing at Mr. Andrews and Mr. Kerrison, who participated in the chase, and was eventually caught at Wood Road.

The jury having found the prisoner guilty, the Chief Justice told the prisoner that not content with looting the shop he fired indiscriminately in the streets. Fortunately he was not standing in the dock on a charge of murder. In his whole experience in the law courts, which covered a period of forty years, said His Honour, he had not known a worse case than this. For taking part in the robbery he sentenced the prisoner to twelve years' hard labour and 18 strokes with the cat, and for shooting at Messrs. Andrews and Kerrison eight years each, the last two sentences to run concurrently, viz, twenty years and 18 strokes in all.

His Honour warmly commended Mr. Andrews and Mr. Kerrison on their courageous conduct.

they push past you, treading on your pet corn and getting hitched up in your seat, murmuring apologies which they don't mean, in the middle of the lines on which the plot of the piece hangs, the punctual theatre-goer's apt to get a bit annoyed. There's a crowd of 'em at every show you go to. They do it regularly. They wouldn't be punctual for worlds. They try to be late, some of 'em do. They've an idea that "all the best people" always wait until after the curtain's gone up. The "best people," as these cheap seekers after social recognition term them, don't consider it *the thing* to spoil other people's amusement. Decent people, whether they're "best people" or lower-level and Kowloonites, try and have a little consideration for others, which these late comers certainly have not. Some of these crazy beings come in too late to get the most out of the plays themselves and by distracting other people's attention they spoil the show for them as well. When the curtain rises the doors ought to be locked, and they ought to be kept locked until they fall again at the conclusion of the scene. Of course, it's difficult to be punctual always and for those who are late through no fault of their own it would perhaps be a hardship, but the majority ought to be considered. There's no doubt that a great percentage of the always-late brigade do it on purpose, and they should be made to realize it accordingly.

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Army Officers' Argument

Mexico City.—George W. Stebbins, American owner of an automobile repair shop, was mortally wounded when he walked into the line of fire between two military men who were engaged in a pistol duel in the street. Stebbins was struck down in the presence of his wife and child.

Five others were seriously wounded, including General Leovigildo Avila and Lieutenant Colonel Constantino Lazcano, principals in the duel.

The fusillade started when the military officers engaged in an altercation over assertions made by Deputy Trillo, who was in the party. Among the others injured were a policeman, a bull fighter and Deputy Trillo.

ALLEGED INVENTION
THEFT.

Budapest.—Announcement of an American invention of a pilotless bombing airplane has provoked a protest from the Hungarian inventor, George Zubotinovitz, through the American consul at Bucharest, that the invention is his and was stolen by American members of the International Mission to Vienna after the armistice.

Zubotinovitz, who now lives in Rumania, claims in his protest that he submitted his invention of a pilotless airplane capable of a 200-mile flight to the War Ministry at Vienna in 1917. It made a great stir, but was not used owing to Austria's shortage of material. Zubotinovitz went to Vienna in 1919 to reclaim his plans, but was informed they had disappeared. He says the War Ministry accuses the Americans who occupied the old war headquarters of packing up all the papers they found and then shipping them to America.

GENERAL NEWS.

FEBRUARY HEAT RECORD.
Official records taken at Kew during the night of February 1st, showed a minimum temperature of 51 degrees, being the highest recorded in February for 50 years.

HEN'S THREE EGGS IN A DAY.
A few weeks ago a bantam hen owned by Mr. Indle, Buxton, laid three eggs in the same day. These were placed under a broody hen, and have now hatched out into three sturdy bantam chickens.

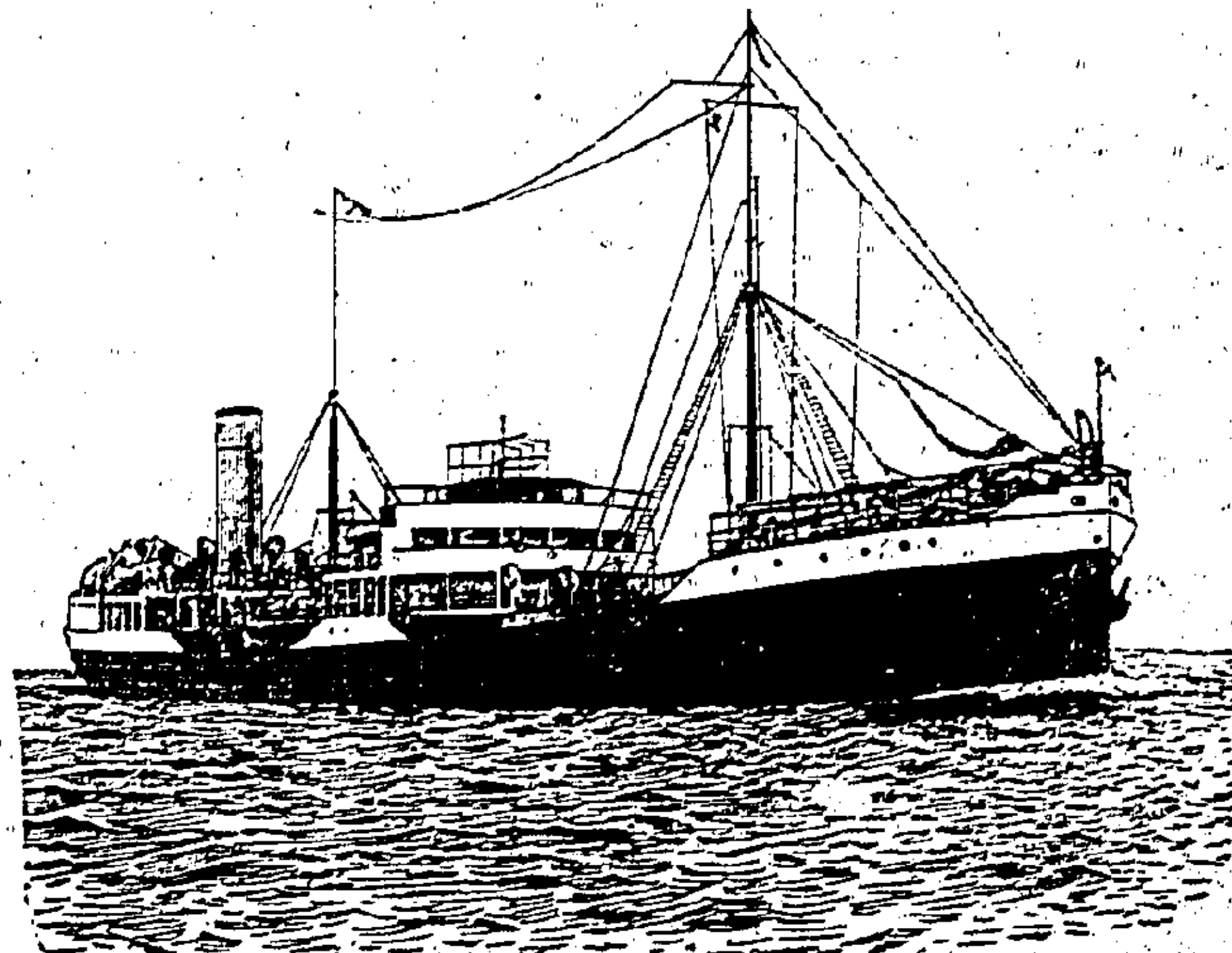
ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL BURGLER.
Burglars broke into St. Paul's School, West Kensington, early one morning recently and got away with the whole of the silver sports trophies, valued at over £100, and £30 in Treasury notes and silver. Among the stolen trophies is the challenge cup presented by the Artists Rifles in memory of the Old Paulines who fought in the Great War.

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AWA MARU ... Tuesday, 27th Mar.

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ASAHA MARU ... Friday, 30th Mar.

YAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA. AKI MARU ... Thursday, 12th Apr.

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SANDAKAN	Wed. 21st Mar. at 2 p.m.	
TIENSIN	Thurs. 22nd Mar. at noon.	
HAIPHONG via Hoihow Leesang	Fri. 23rd Mar. at 10 a.m.	
SHANGHAI via Swatow Hopsang	Fri. 23rd Mar. at 10 a.m.	
MANILA	Fri. 23rd Mar. at 3 p.m.	
KOBE	Sat. 24th Mar. at 10 a.m.	
TIENSIN	Sat. 24th Mar. at noon.	
BANGKOK via Hoihow Leesang	Sun. 25th Mar. at 10 a.m.	
BANGKOK via Swatow Fookshang	Tues. 27th Mar. at noon.	
SHANGHAI via Ningpo Kwongsang	Thurs. 29th Mar. at noon.	
STRAITS & Calcutta	Fri. 30th Mar. at 3 p.m.	
KOBE via Shanghai	Sat. 7th Apr. at noon.	
STRAITS & Calcutta	Thurs. 14th Apr. at 3 p.m.	

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All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th March, 1923, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

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Hongkong, 19th March, 1923.

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All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signd on or before 31st March, 1923, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon, within the free storage period of one week.

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Hongkong, 19th March, 1923.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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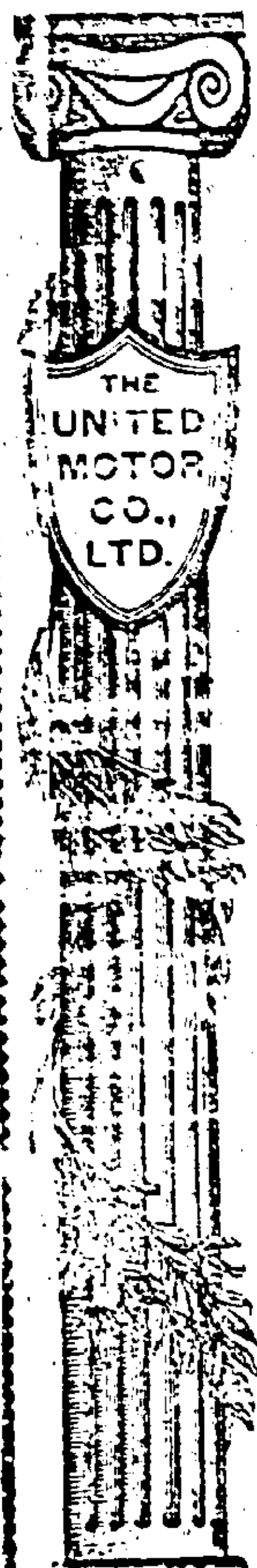
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before noon to-day requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after the 24th instant at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

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WEATHER REPORT.

March 21d 11h. 17m.—Pressure has decreased slightly at all reporting stations, except at Tourane where it has increased slightly.

An anticyclone is central over N. China.

Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 100 ineb. Total since January 1st, 1.18 inches, against an average of 4.94 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
Formosa Channel	N.E. winds strong.
South coast of China, between H.K. & Lamcocks.	N.E. winds fresh to moderate.
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1. H. K. Observatory, Mar. 21, 1923.

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(Opening Rate; closing Rate on Page 1.)

SELLING.		30 d's. San Francisco and New York	
T/T	2 3/4	4 m. a. Mark	Nom.
Demand	2 3/4 15/16	4 m. a. France	9.10
30 d's.		5 m. a.	9.25
60 d's.		Demand, Germany	
4 m. a.	2 1/4	Demand, New York	5 1/2
T/T Shanghai	Nom.	T/T Bombay	175
T/T Singapore	88	Demand, Bombay	175
T/T Japan	112	T/T Calcutta	175
T/T India	112	Demand, Calcutta	175
Demand India		On Yokohama	112
T/T San Francisco and New York	5 1/2	Demand, Manila	107 1/2
T/T Java	138	Demand, Singapore	98
T/T Marks	Nom.	Demand, Batavia	138
T/T France	8 50	On Haiphong	Nom.
Demand, Paris		On Saigon	80 1/2
BUYING.		On Bangkok	80 1/2
4 m. a. L.C.	2 1/4 15/16	Gold leaf per Tael	46 20
6 m. a. L.C.	2 1/4 15/16	Bar Silver, ready	32 1/2
30 d's. L.C.	2 1/4 15/16	forward	32 5/16
30 d's. Sydney and Melbourne	2 1/2	Bank of England rate	5 1/2
		New York/London	4.69 1/2

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10	6	1 1/2 dis.
5	6	1 1/2 dis.
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Hongkong, March 21, 1923.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Shanghai	Shantung	21st Mar.
Shanghai	Fuyang	21st
Manila	Pres. Madison	21st
Japan	Yokohama	23rd
Shanghai	Ludendorff	23rd
U.S.A. Japan & Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	24th
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London, 22nd Feb.) & Parcels 14th Feb.	Karlsruhe	24th

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Shanghai Japan, Canada, U.S.A. & S. America & Europe via Vancouver B.C.	Empress of Asia	Wed. 21st Parcels 5 p.m. Thurs. 22 inst. 10 a.m. Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. (Due Vancouver 6th April.)
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Yunnan	Thurs. 22 inst. 10 a.m.
Swatow	Hydraogas	Thurs. 22 inst. 3.30 p.m.
Hoihow & Haiphong	Leesang	Fri. 23 inst. 8.50 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. & S. America & Europe via Victoria B.C.	Pres. Madison	Parcels 5 p.m. Registration 9.15 p.m. Letters 10 a.m. (Due Victoria B.C. 11th April.) Ship Sails at 10 a.m. 23rd inst.
Batavia	Tjikini	Fri. 23 inst. 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Takao	Haiching	Fri. 23 inst. noon.
Manila	Tuesang	Fri. 23 inst. 2 p.m.
Straits & Ceylon	Lake Fielding	Fri. 23 inst. 3.30 p.m.
Soerabaya	Tjilatjap	Sat. 24 inst. 10.30 a.m.
Straits & Ceylon	Jepore	Sat. 24 inst. 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Sermala	Sat. 24 inst. 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Keelung	Amakusa M.	Sun. 25 inst. 9 a.m.
Philippine Islands	Pres. McKinley	Mon. 26 inst. 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai & Japan	Hakozaki M.	Tue. 27 inst. 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Fuchow	Haiching	Tue. 27 inst. noon.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dharmakholi, Egypt & Europe via Marseille	Suwa M.	Wed. 28 inst. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.20 a.m. (Due Marseille 28th April.)

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Mr. Harry Paintin, who has become an Oxford undergraduate at the age of sixty-odd, evidently believes that one is never too old to learn. Such is also the opinion of the famous Cambridge don, Mr. Oscar Browning, who started learning Polish two years ago, when he was 84, and is now proficient in that language. Even this remarkable feat was surpassed by the subject of an obituary notice published by the *Manchester Herald* of June 10, 1817: "On Monday, the 2nd inst., at the advanced age of 108, Catherine Pruscott, of George Leigh-street, in this town. She retained her faculties in a wonderful degree, having learned to read her Bible since she was a hundred years of age, partly in the Lancasterian School and partly in the St. Clement's Sunday School."

One by one Twickenham's famous mansions, which were at their zenith in late Victorian days seem to be going. Recently York House came into the market, and now Dowager Lady Michellham is desirous of selling historic Strawberry Hill. Marble Hill is a public institution; Orleans House is still there, but its lovely grounds are gone; Cambridge House, just over Richmond Bridge, on the Twickenham side of the river, where the Dean Pauls used to live, has dropped out of the public ken; Pope's Villa, "Lobby's" home, is now a convent.

The London Rifle Brigade, one of the capital's "crack" Territorial Corps, whose memorial, a pair of solid silver altar candlesticks, were dedicated in St. Paul's Cathedral recently, have selected an appropriate method of commemorating their fallen. The candlesticks weigh eight hundred ounces, and the majority of the silver has contributed by relatives, who sent cups and medals won by their dead sons to be melted down and incorporated in the memorial. The L.R.B.'s lost heavily in the war, and their fallen numbered 1,700 of all ranks.

One of the most "threatened" of the City churches at the present moment is probably All Hallows in Lombard-street. A certain banking concern is anxious to purchase its site at a huge figure. Not a very imposing structure, it is none the less an exceedingly interesting one. Tucked away in a little churchyard behind this famous thoroughfare, it has a secret all to itself, which does not seem to have been mentioned in the text books. The church, built by Wren, has a fine "queen-post" roof of oak, which is hidden from the congregation by an ordinary ceiling. Between these, in a considerable space, were stored during the Napoleonic wars the rifles which would have been used by the citizens of London if and when Boney had ever succeeded in invading England.

Scientific safeguards of health have so lengthened the average span of life that English insurance companies are giving serious consideration to a revision of their expectancy tables. The public is paying too much for insurance, as the great war on disease has lessened the risk assumed by the underwriters. Long hours of sleep, regular habits and the plentitude of wholesome food of the past are gone, but while the people are living under a far greater strain than ever before, statistics show that science has triumphed over the drawbacks of civilization and people are living not only longer lives, but lives freer from disease.

Bradensok Abbey, which is again in the market, has more accommodation to offer the buyer than the auctioneer will catalogue. He will be able to recount its dedication in 1142 as a Priory of the Black Canons, and quote Aubrey as to its being "the stoneliest mansion in Wiltshire." He may call attention to its five-feet walls, its timbered "hall flower" roof, and to the visits of King John. He may enlarge upon the size of the estate, the quaintness of its cottages, the richness of its historical records, but when he deals with its accommodation he will underestimate the number of the living rooms compared with the total space in the Abbey. Indicate the presence of a secret chamber, but where it is and how to reach it remain an unsolved mystery.

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Four witnesses called in a police-court case at Durham confessed that they could neither read nor write. They were a horse dealer, a driver, a young miner, and a married woman. The presiding magistrate was chairman of the local education committee.

In a grave at Stevenage, Herts, are interred the remains of a farmer, whose death occurred in 1721. He bequeathed his estate to his two brothers, to be enjoyed by them for thirty years, at the expiration of which time he expected to return to life, when the estate was to return to him. His coffin was affixed to a beam in his barn, locked, and a key en-

closed that he might let himself out. As not even his ghost had put in an appearance four days after the stipulated period had elapsed, he was given Christian burial.

A train was just starting from Northumberland station when an old woman buried on the platform and scrambled into a first class carriage. A porter, however, thinking she looked more like a third-class passenger, opened the door. "Missus," he bawled, "are you first-class?" The old lady was bewildered for a moment. Then, beaming upon her interrogator, she answered:—"Thank ye; how's yerself?"

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